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GROUNDBREAKING FOR RAM TEMPLE IN AYODHYA TODAY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the *bhoomi puja* at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya along with 175 other guests

TIGHT SECURITY FOR HISTORIC CEREMONY

The temple town has become a fortress ahead of the ground-breaking ceremony, with thousands of cops providing a thick security blanket. All temples have been sanitised in view of Covid-19. Modi will lay five small silver bricks along with one weighing 40 kg in the foundation. The temple trust says soil from 2,000 holy sites has been brought to Ayodhya | P9

RAM BELONGS TO EVERYONE: PRIYANKA

- The Congress nuanced its stand on the ceremony, with Priyanka Gandhi Vadra saluting Lord Ram and saying she hoped the event will mark national unity. This is reminiscent of Congress' past soft-Hindutva stances, despite its exhortations for secularism
- TN CM Edappadi K Palaniswami, too, sent his best wishes to Modi

8 AM

THE RITUALS COMMENCE. THE PM IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AROUND 12 PM

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Pakistan's absurd claim on parts of Gujarat, J&K is latest flashpoint

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INDIA on Tuesday dismissed Pakistan's "new political map" as an exercise in political absurdity and termed Islamabad's claims on Junagadh and the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh as ridiculous.

"This is an exercise in political absurdity, laying untenable claims to territories in the Indian State of Gujarat and our Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. These ridiculous assertions have neither legal validity nor international credibility. In fact, this new effort only confirms reality of Pakistan's obsession with territorial aggrandisement supported by cross-border terrorism," a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs read.

Earlier in the day, Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan unveiled a new political map of the country which shows Junagadh and the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh as its territory. Khan also raked up an old boundary dispute of Sir Creek near Pakistan's Sindh and India's Gujarat.

Pakistan's unveiling of a new map comes months after Nepal passed a constitutional amendment to include the territories of Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura and Kalapani in its new political map. The map has also been sent to the UN for approval. However, sources said that the new Nepal map will not be approved as historically Nepal has never claimed the territories to be theirs.

Congress MP Ahmed Patel also slammed Pakistan. "Ridiculous & Mischievous of Pakistan to show J&K, Ladakh , Junagadh & Manavdar as part of Pakistan. I want to remind them that due to Sardar Patel's tireless efforts in 1948 people of Junagadh unanimously chose to be a part of India," he tweeted.

INSIDE MASSIVE EXPLOSION ROCKS LEBANON'S CAPITAL BEIRUT, MANY INJURED | P11

Bids from countries sharing land border with India will have to be vetted by government before participation is allowed

Indian coal mining out of bounds for Chinese firms

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A month after banning 59 Chinese apps and restricting Chinese firms from participating in bids for Indian government procurement, the Centre on Tuesday sought to stop the neighbouring country from participating in the ongoing auction of coal mines for commercial extraction by the private sector.

According to the new guidelines, from now on, foreign direct investment in commercial coal mining from a country sharing land border with India will be allowed only after government approval.

While the Centre did not take any names, the move is clearly aimed at stopping Chinese mining firms such as China Shenhua Energy and China Coal Energy, which are among the largest coal firms in the world, from taking part in coal mining operations in India.

On Tuesday, the Coal Ministry issued a corrigendum to the tender document clarifying that although 100% FDI is permitted in coal mining under the automatic route, investments or bids from countries sharing a land border with India will now require government clearance.

Will it cost India?

Unlikely, as the coal block auction has so far received good response with a lot of inquiries from both Indian and global mining, metal and energy companies. The mines on offer are attractive to investors as they are largely fully explored ones and can be brought to production in no time

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the auction process of coal blocks for commercial mining in June. Under commercial mining, private players are allowed to extract coal without any restrictions on end-use of the fossil fuel.

The bidding terms were also liberalised to attract foreign players. The Centre also amended the Coal Mines Special Provisions Act, 2015, to simplify the auction process and attract more investors.

According to the government, participation of private players will bring efficiency to the coal sector and lead to competitive pricing of the fossil fuel.

Currently, 41 mines with a total geological coal reserve of 17 billion tonnes are on offer under the first phase of commercial coal mine auctions.

China's Vivo may quit as IPL title sponsor

Chinese mobile phone manufacturer Vivo is likely to pull out as the title sponsor for the Indian Premier League for this year, and is in talks with the Board of Control for Cricket in India for an "amicable separation" amid rising tensions in India-China relations. P13

Chief Minister Yediyurappa signs on files from his hospital suite

CM holds Covid meet from hosp

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CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa, who was diagnosed asymptomatic for Covid-19 and is under treatment at Manipal Hospital here, on Tuesday held a review meeting with officials via an online platform. From his suite, he discussed about the availability of ventilators and bed in the state. P3

A notice stuck outside Siddaramaiah's house in Bengaluru | SHRIRAM BN

Siddu tests +ve, hospitalised

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FORMER Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said he has tested positive for Covid-19 and is admitted to a hospital. The Manipal Hospital, where the 71-year-old Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly is undergoing treatment, said he is "doing well" and is "stable currently". P3

42 from K'taka crack UPSC exam

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AS many as 42 candidates from Karnataka have cleared the Civil Services Examination for 2019, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Jeydev C S, with an All India Rank (AIR) 5, topped the state, while Yashaswini B and Vinod Patil H came second and third in the state tally, ranked 71 and 132, respectively. A total of 829 candidates have been selected to various Civil Services. P7,10

Department of Health and Family Welfare

Shri B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief minister

Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare **Shri B. Sriramulu** visiting COVID-19 Ward at Government Hospital

WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK
1st - 7th August 2020

Breastfeeding and COVID 19

In light of COVID-19 global pandemic, the agreement is to continue breastfeeding with due precautions taken and at present there is no evidence found for vertical transmission through breast milk.

- Mothers to wear mask compulsorily while feeding the baby and while with the baby.
- Mothers to be informed to clean their chest part and hands each time before feeding and especially, if mother has cough symptoms.
- Mothers and infants should be enabled to continue Rooming In and practice of skin to skin contact of mother and baby.
- Expressed breast milk (EBM) feeding in case of sick new born/ mother is unable to breastfeed directly.

Importance of Breastfeeding

- Breast milk is the best source of nutrients, vitamins and minerals an infant needs for growth and development during the first six months.
- **Optimal breastfeeding for infants under two years of age has the greatest potential impact on child survival.**
- Breastfeeding also helps in improving the bonding between mother and baby.

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• **Wednesday** 05/08/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Shravana • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Dwitheeya 9:16 pm • **Nakshatra:** Dhanishta 9:09 am • Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30pm • **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST
Light showers. Mostly cloudy.

Sunrise 6.06 am
Sunset 6.45 pm
Moonrise 8.14 pm
Moonset 7.21 am

GYMS, YOGA INSTITUTES ALL SET TO OPEN

Owners to first ensure safety measures in place

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

WITH Unlock 3.0 guidelines in place, gymnasiums, yoga and other fitness institutes in Bengaluru are preparing to re-open, albeit with some caution.

Although the guidelines mainly call for physical distancing and sanitisation, Prasad Kumar, secretary of the Karnataka Gym Owners Association, said that during the four-month closure, 30-40 gyms in Bengaluru alone had shut down.

"Many of them couldn't afford the rent of Rs 1 lakh and had to shut down. Others are still struggling to support themselves. The government should've allowed opening up of the gyms earlier," Kumar told *TNIE*.

Even though preparations to reopen are under way, some, like Mohammed Suhail, owner of Academy of Strength gym in Indiranagar, say they will take it slow. "Immunity building is required with the right precautions. During the lockdown, I conducted online sessions which had 18-25 people each. People are waiting to come and get fit on the ground with the right equipment," Suhail said.

However, Suhail has decided to ensure all precautionary measures are in place before opening up the gym for the public. "We will start with personal trainer clients and then slowly move ahead from there," he added.

While owners of fitness institutes are happy about being allowed to reopen, there is still some apprehension over whether customers will return and how much operating costs will increase by because of the new safety arrangements.

CureFit declined to comment on reopening their gyms. However, owners of other institutes, such as Zumba classes say they are happy to go ahead. "I just have an auditorium to reopen. It was sanitised before the guidelines were issued. So I am all set to reopen," says Manoranjani S, a Zumba trainer.

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> **Manoranjani S, Zumba trainer**

A worker sanitises gym equipment in the city on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

RUSH HOUR

Bumper-to-bumper traffic at SJP Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The road was infamous for its chaotic traffic congestion that has returned again after a relative period of quiet during the lockdown restrictions| SHRIRAM B N

I-T dept clears 829 faceless assessments

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THE regional electronic Income Tax (I-T) assessment centre in Bengaluru has "completed 829 tax assessments through the newly launched faceless assessment system," according to a spokesperson of the I-T Department.

The faceless assessment scheme was announced in September last year by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to eliminate personal interaction between the taxpayer and the I-T Department with the objective of reducing corruption. The pilot project was inaugurated on October 7, 2019.

"In this scheme, 58,319 cases were assigned to various assessment units located across the country. Out of these, 8,701 cases have already been completed without addition. In 296 cases, additions have been proposed, which are under review," he added.

Explaining the mechanism, the officer said that under faceless assessment, cases are selected using data analytics and artificial intelligence.

"The jurisdiction is dynamic and cases are assigned to various assessment units through the process of automated random allocated system. The notices are issued centrally by the National e-assessment Centre (NeAC) with a Document Identification Number (DIN). The assessees are required to file their replies online. The assessment is done by various units situated at different locations across the country. The Draft Assessment Order (DAO) is prepared in one city; reviewed in another city and finalised in a third city," he said.

Piling work on along another stretch of Metro Reach 6

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

WORK for putting in place soil retaining structures is on at a steady pace along the upcoming Vellara Junction-Lakkasandra station — a crucial stretch of Metro's Underground Corridor on Reach 6.

The 3.66-km stretch between Vellara Junction to Lakkasandra will require over 3,500 piling structures to be built, said a Metro official. "Piling structures can be described as laying the foundation that is required to ensure that the soil above does not give way when excavation works are carried out beneath the ground," he said.

AFCONS has been given the contract for this package. Piling work has begun at Jayanagar Fire station from where a ramp will connect it to Vellara junction. "Less than 25% of the piling work is over. It will take six months to complete it," the official added.

Three more tunnel boring machines (TBM) will be procured for tunnelling along this stretch. "These are still in the manufacturing stage abroad. The first four which arrived from China are being deployed along a different underground segment," the official said.

Two TBMs will be bored from the fire station to Vellara. "One TBM will work between Vellara and Langford station. After reaching its destination, drilling will be done in the reverse direction," he explained.

"Except the Langford station, preliminary work has begun along all the other Metro stations," the official said.

The first stretch of tunnelling began from Shivajinagar to Tannery Road last week with the Chief Minister flagging off work by the TBM Urja. The Underground Corridor has a deadline of June 2024.

> **These are still in the manufacturing stage abroad. The first four which arrived from China are being deployed along a different underground segment**
> Metro official

Construction of temporary structures in progress at Lakkasandra Metro Station

Relieve teachers from Covid-19 survey in city, says JDS

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

THE JDS has slammed the BBMP for deploying teachers from Bengaluru Rural and Ramanagara districts for the booth-level Covid-19 survey work that is being carried out in Bengaluru. This comes after the teachers' attempts to persuade the urban local body went in vain.

In a letter to BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad, the JDS has demanded that the civic body and the government immediately relieve the teachers from these two districts from the survey work. It has asked them to recognise teachers on such duty as Covid warriors and be provided with facilities that are being extended to other Covid warriors in the State.

A P Ranganath, president of the JDS law unit, questioned the rationale of engaging teachers from the two districts, who need to travel 50-100km daily to participate in the survey in Bengaluru.

"The teachers may contract the virus while travelling, let alone during the survey work," he said.

Primary Teachers Association president Chandrashekar Nugli said despite several appeals, the BBMP has not budged from its stand on exempting teachers over 50 years of age as a large number would have to be exempted then. It finally exempted only those over 55 years of age, he said.

Following the teachers' association appeal in this regard, the Department of Public Instruction has clarified that it cannot relieve all teachers above 50 years due to acute shortage of personnel.

EXPRESS READ

No permits for illegal structures on farm land

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa has instructed the State government not to grant permission and licences and other necessary sanctions for unauthorized structures and layouts on farming sites within Bengaluru Urban, Planning Commission deputy chairman BJ Puttaswamy said here on Tuesday. ENS

Develop bus apps, startups told

BENGALURU: How does one ensure better mobility in Bengaluru during these Covid times when there is no Metro and when there is fear of using public transport?

Former BMTC Chairman N A Haris has urged the startups to develop an app that makes it easy to use buses. He was speaking at the Mobility Summit hosted by Prof M V Rajeev Gowda on Tuesday.

The session raised the issues related to getting Bengaluru moving again post the lockdown. Haris highlighted various opportunities to develop a sustainable, smart, integrated multimodal transport system.

He wanted BMTC to establish a control room and optimise routing and services based on demand. He pointed out that there were advertising revenue streams that would make BMTC less dependent on the government. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

05th August : We are getting increasingly excited about discovering new planets in other systems in what we call the 'Goldilocks Zone'. This is scientific code, based on an old English nursery rhyme', which means that a planet is 'not too hot', and 'not too cold'. In other words, it might support life. Perhaps – just like us!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Something strange is happening at home. Just what this is completely unclear, but it seems likely that it's all to do with the past. A little detective work might therefore be in order. Are there any mistakes you've made which you haven't acknowledged? If not, that's fine but, if you have, do something about it now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Venus, the planet which heralds emotional changes, is in many respects very well positioned indeed, so try to make things easier for yourself as well as others by being more flexible over long-term arrangements, especially at home. Try to understand a partner's point of view, even if you do disagree with it.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Other people may be stealing your ideas. You may find this terribly irritating, but if you stop and think for a moment, you'll remember that imitation is indeed the sincerest form of flattery. You can actually change your attitudes completely - and offer a rival your help!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Anyone who believes that you are a placid and unambitious individual must be living on another planet, or just confused by the fact that, at the moment, many of your concerns are private and personal. Still, it's your right to be a mystery, if that's what you want.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may feel that you have been hoodwinked and manipulated, but you must remember that people who have reneged on promises or commitments may not have done so intentionally. They might have had little choice over the matter, and you can give them plenty of time to come round.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It has been said that your perfectionism is at once your biggest strength and your greatest weakness. The problem for you now is that it will mean that while you succeed by other people's standards, you fail according to your own. Sometimes you're much too harsh on yourself!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Mars's magnificent role in your solar chart indicates that you are in perpetual danger of facing hostility from people who blame you for their own shortcomings. Such resentment may be brushed aside with the contempt it deserves, but you should also find time to smooth a loved one's ruffled feathers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Serious problems only arise if you refuse to alter your stand on career or professional matters. If you accept whatever new responsibilities are pushed in your direction, you will gain in both confidence and experience. It will be a pleasant feeling when other people look up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You should be aware of just how fortunate you have been recently, for although Pluto, which signifies emotional upset, is a difficult planet, it is often much kinder to you than to anyone else. Now you can look forward to helpful developments at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Although there is nothing you will receive with so much reluctance as advice, it should pay you to listen carefully. There may be many hidden meanings, and it could take someone with your sensitivity to pick them all up. If you do, then the results will definitely be to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You may allow events to take their own course over the next few days, and wait for certain friends to make up their minds. This will happen very soon, but you can't say exactly when. All you can do is keep trying to make partners see sense. Perhaps you should also come off the fence.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Above all else, you like people to be nice to you. However, you have a remarkable talent for ignoring obvious signals of attraction from other people. You should be more alert to such emotional undercurrents in future, otherwise you'll miss out on interesting possibilities - and that's an understatement.

THE PHANTOM

THE UNDISCOVERED SKULL CAVE!
FROM THE DAYS WHEN THE 1ST PHANTOM FOUNDED THE LEGEND OF A GHOST WHO WALKS!
THE FIRES ARE LIT!
SOMEONE'S HERE....

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

DAG, DID I EVER SHOW YOU THIS OLD BASEBALL THAT BABE RUTH AUTOGRAPHED?
WOW! BABE RUTH'S AUTOGRAPH!
THE OLD FELLA WHO GAVE IT TO ME TOLD ME THE BABE HIMSELF SIGNED IT FOR HIM.
BABE RUTH HAD A RED MAGIC MARKER?!
PROBABLY...THEY DO SAY THE BABE WAS QUITE A CHARACTER

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SUDOKU

8	7			4				1
3								2
				1	2	3	8	
			4			8		
	3	6	8		7	1	9	
		8			6			
	2	4	3	7				
9								3
5				9			7	4

MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

2	1	4	8	5	3	7	6	9
8	7	6	2	9	1	5	4	3
3	9	5	6	4	7	2	8	1
9	2	3	4	1	8	6	7	5
7	6	8	5	3	2	9	1	4
5	4	1	9	7	6	3	2	8
1	5	2	3	6	4	8	9	7
6	3	7	1	8	9	4	5	2
4	8	9	7	2	5	1	3	6

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PREIG
HRITS
PEPRAA
BIDYRH

The chapel of Saint Michel d'Aiguilhe is amazing! I've never seen anything like it.
It says here that, pilgrims and tourists come from all over the world to see the chapel.
WHEN THE CHURCH AT THE SUMMIT WAS VOTED "FOURTH BEST MONUMENT" IN FRANCE, IT WAS ....

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CLING KNELT HIATUS SCENIC
Answer: Campers at the remote campground were able to build a campfire — IN THE STICKS

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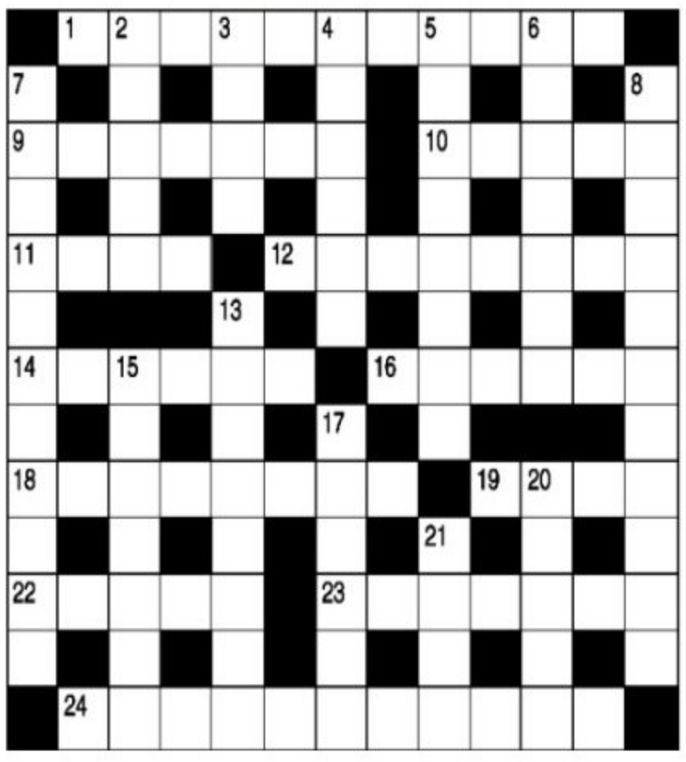
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 A handy man? (11)
9 Not a sunny greeting? (3,4)
10 Relish a piece of impudence (5)
11 Capricious youngsters? (4)
12 Little causes of great ill-feeling (8)
14 Optimistic sign given to the orchestra (6)
16 Una is bad with sea sickness (6)
18 Report the rifle is loaded (8)
19 Fixed in haste (4)
22 It moves the helicopter backwards or forwards (5)
23 Stop for Jack to revive (5,2)
24 Informal description of many commercial competitions? (4-3-4)

DOWN

2 Upset a girl and suffered (5)
3 Rainstorm in the country (4)
4 Free of charge (6)
5 Dog Latin as a composition (8)
6 Use over-produced works of art (7)
7 Bet on songs being out-of-date (4,7)
8 Not an offence, but a lawyer may be consulted about it (5,6)
13 Happy-go-lucky benefit of a welfare state? (8)
15 Brace of fresh lobster (7)
17 The pound is good in France and capital elsewhere (6)
20 A brief, for example, is for the defence (5)
21 She may look after the home if we go out (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Cleave, 4 She-devil, 9 Meadow, 10 Flamingo, 12 Opus, 13 Lady's maid, 17 Nuts and bolts, 20 Evening class, 23 Axis, 24 Share, 25 Etui, 28 Innuendo, 29 Dahlia, 30 Gunsmith, 31 Chaste.

Down: 1 Compound, 2 Evacuate, 3 Viol, 5 Hilly country, 6 Damp, 7 Vandal, 8 Lloyds, 11 Paid on the dot, 15 Carve, 16 Stock, 18 Tantalus, 19 Estimate, 21 Baring, 22 Finnan, 26 Team, 27 Hath.

Woman found dead A woman was found dead with her throat slit at her house in Marathahalli on Tuesday. Police said Sandya (33) was sleeping with her children on Monday night when assailants entered the house and slit her throat. Hearing the children cry, neighbours rushed to the spot on Tuesday morning and found the woman lying in a pool of blood

From hospital, CM reviews availability of ventilators

1,279 more ventilators allotted to State, will be handed over later this month

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CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa, who was diagnosed asymptomatic for Covid-19 and is currently undergoing treatment at Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road, on Tuesday held a review meeting with officials via an online platform. The CM discussed about the availability of ventilators beds in the state from the 11th floor VVIP suite of the hospital.

Officers from the Health and Family Welfare Department informed him that the state has received 681 ventilators from the Union Government under the PM-CARES fund. "The number of ventilator beds have increased by 335 during last one week in the state. A total of 166 beds have been added in Bengaluru alone. The remaining 346 ventilators will be installed by the end of this week," the CM's secretariat said.

Another set of 1,279 ventilators, allotted to Karnataka, will be handed over later this month and the CM directed that all of these should be installed as soon as they are received. On the need for more staff to ensure the ventilators are running, the CM directed that all the necessary appointments be made immediately, specially anaesthetics, paramedics, technical and nursing staff.

The CM also suggested that the requests of private hospitals in Bengaluru for ventilators be considered on a temporary basis, strictly for Covid-19 purposes.

Workers seal Congress leader Siddaramaiah's house in Mysuru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Antigen test shows Siddu positive for coronavirus

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OPPOSITION Leader in the Assembly Siddaramaiah tested positive for Covid-19. On Monday night, he was admitted to the same private hospital in Bengaluru where Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is undergoing treatment.

"I have been tested positive for #Covid19 & also been admitted to the hospital on the advice of doctors as a precaution. I request all those who had come in contact with me to check out for symptoms & to quarantine themselves," he tweeted on Tuesday.

Dr Sudarshan Ballal, chairman of Manipal Hospitals, said Siddaramaiah is doing well. "Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is admitted to Manipal Hospital for evaluation of fever and the antigen test for Covid-19 is positive. He is doing well and is stable currently," Dr Ballal said.

Sources close to the 71-year-old Congress leader said he was suffering from urinary tract infection since the last few days and developed fever on Monday. His son and Congress MLA Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah and staffers at his residence in Bengaluru and Mysuru have tested negative for Covid, sources said. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said he is in constant touch with the doctors at Manipal. He wished both leaders a speedy recovery.

Yediyurappa, former PM H D Deve Gowda, BJP, Congress and JDS leaders took to social media to wish him speedy recovery. "Wishing our CLP and Opposition leader @siddaramaiah a speedy recovery from CoVID-19 and good health," KPCC president D K Shivakumar tweeted.

COVID FEAR

Gowda postpones JDS meeting

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AS the number of Covid-19 positive cases continue to surge in Karnataka and after many politicians including legislators tested positive for the virus in the last few days, the JDS postponed its meeting that was scheduled to be held on Tuesday. Former Prime Minister and JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda had called the meeting of legislators and district unit presidents to discuss the party's plan to protest against the state government's decision to promulgate ordinance to amend Land Reforms Act, APMC Act and Industrial Disputes Act.

Deve Gowda on Tuesday expressed concern over people not following social distancing norms, especially at markets and inside banks. Appealing people to strictly follow the guidelines issued by the government to contain the virus from spreading, Deve Gowda said people should avoid going out unnecessarily and must use masks and wash their hands frequently. "As the dreaded Covid-19 is spreading across the state, I request people to compulsorily wear masks whenever they step out of their homes," Gowda added.

Audit State's Covid expenses: PAC to CAG

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"WHICH officer approved the usage of PPE kits that were deemed unfit for use by the Rajasthan government?" "Who are the officials responsible for purchasing PPE kits, masks and equipment that were not medical grade?" "What was the justification given at the senior officials meeting for the Rs 815 crores spike in the cost of purchasing ambulances?" are just some of the questions raised by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) inquiring into the Covid-19 expenditure of the government.

The committee headed by Congress leader and former Minister H K Patil has now asked the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) to audit Covid-19 expenses and SDRF funds spent for Covid management by the Karnataka government. The PAC on Tuesday directed the CAG to audit expenses on 23-point terms that touches upon various aspects of Covid expenditure cited by the government. The PAC, that had been inquiring into the expenses, has now given the CAG a month to complete the audit and form special teams to carry on the audit if needed.

"Provide details of all medical equipment, ambulances, sanitisers, PPE kits, ventilators (each item, each equipment, price-wise, company-wise, component-wise, college-wise details) etc bought for government and private medical colleges under the medical education department," the PAC asked the CAG. The CAG has agreed to complete the audit in a month given the urgency of the situation.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Soudha comes to hospital

The 11th floor of Manipal Hospitals on Old Airport Road has quite suddenly turned into a power centre. Barely had Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa been admitted there on Sunday, than former chief minister and Opposition leader Siddaramaiah followed him right in on Monday. Both the powerful inpatients are ensconced in VVIP suites on the 11th floor, and with them have arrived the trappings of their positions -- a dozen official cars parked outside, high-level security and assistants and hangers-on crawling all over the premises. All visitors to the 11th floor are scanned, and there is a buzz through the day, prompting one insider to comment that the place doesn't resemble a hospital anymore, but a "mini Vidhana Soudha".

Game of chess for city fort

N Manjunath Prasad, who replaced B A Anil Kumar as BBMP Commissioner, was brought in just when the Covid situation was slowly peaking in Bengaluru. The grapevine has it that Prasad, who is revenue secretary, returned to his old post only because of his proximity to Revenue Minister R Ashoka -- the two are school buddies and on first-name terms, only slipping into their boss-bureaucrat roles in public. It is said that the timing of his transfer was also opportune: Ashoka moved with lightning speed to bring Prasad into BBMP when Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar was home-quarantined. And the reason? Ashoka sees himself as Bengaluru boss, and hopes to take control of the city with his Man Friday in the key post.

EXPRESS READ

Roopa first woman officer to hold home dept post

The reshuffle of IPS officers in the state has put D Roopa in a prime role – IGP and PCAS, Home department. She replaces IPS officer Umesh Kumar, and is the first woman to hold the post. This role is generally given to IAS and IPS male officers. Roopa said, "Though there have been many IAS women officers, it is surprising that I am the first woman." Roopa was IGP Railways before her transfer. "It's a challenging role in terms of sheer volume on one hand and sensitive matters relating to crime and prison on the other." **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that our clients Mr. Mohammed Baig S/o Late Pacha Baig and Ajmal Pasha S/o B.Mahamood, both are R/at 613, 10th Main, 8th Cross, Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal, Kempapura, Bangalore - 560024, has negotiated for purchase of property described in schedule hereunder from Sreenivasaiah.N.N S/o Late N.M. Nanjappa, aged about 63 years, R/at 2405, E-Block, Sahakaranagara, who has claimed to be the owner of schedule property having acquired the same under a registered sale deed dated 11/01/2002 registered as document No. 12030/2001-02 at Book No 1, Volume No 2287 pages 126-133 before the Sub Registrar, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore. Persons objecting for the proposed sale for having any right in the schedule property may lodge their objections and /or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 10 days from the date of this publication and /or claims received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of property bearing Survey No 95, Measuring 7 Guntas, (Seven Guntas Only), situated at Rachenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the East: Road, West: Road, North: Land Belongs to Government, South: Road.

Address: **ARUN KUMAR .Y.H,** Advocate, No. 43/7, Krishnappa Building, Kodigehalli Circle, Sahakaranagara, Bangalore-560092. Mob: 99168 10682

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. ASHRAF PASHA** S/o Mr.Ibrahim Pasha, R/at No.45/46, 3rd Floor, 3rd Cross, Muneshwara Nagar, Bandaypalya, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru, intend to purchase residential site more fully described in the schedule hereunder, from its owners **Mr.C.K.JAMSHED KHAN and Kum. AAISHA MERAAJ KHAN**, both are residing at No.518, Police Line, Tiptur Town, Tumkur District.

Any person/s having any rights, interest, title, claim or objections whatsoever to the sale of the schedule property shall lodge their claims or objections in writing with documentary proof in support thereof, to the undersigned within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this publication notice, failing which, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property treating that there are no claims or objections from anybody whatsoever for the sale of schedule property. My client shall not be liable or answerable for any claims put after the expiry of the aforesaid period and will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential **Site bearing No.1**, formed out of converted Sy.No.110/2, (converted for non-agricultural purpose by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide Order No.ALN/SB/BH/SR 26/15-16, dated 26.03.2016, BBMP Khata No.2057/11/2, situated at Hongasandra Village, (Bandepalya) Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 42 feet and North to South 30 feet, bounded on East by Road, West by Property belongs to B.S.Ganesh, North by Site No.02, South by Road.

Address for Service
C.A. AJITH, Advocate
Ajith Law Chambers, No.17, 5th Cross, Chamundeshwari Temple Road, 2nd Stage 3rd Block, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560 072.
Bengaluru, Date: 04/08/2020

Government of Karnataka
BELAGAVI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
(Autonomous Medical Institution)
Dr. B R Ambedkar Road, Belagavi – 590 001
Office No. 0831-2421464, 2421453 Fax No. 0831-2403126
Website:www.bimsbelgaum.org E.Mail:belgaum.bims@gmail.com
No. BIMS/EST(1)/G/COVID-19/20/2020-21 Date: 31-07-2020

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for the following posts from eligible candidates to work in the COVID-19 wards and laboratory for the period of 6 months only on contract basis. Candidates should apply on or before 13-08-2020 before 5.00pm to the Chief Administrative Officer, Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, Belagavi.

Sl No.	Posts	Not of Posts	Consolidated Salary per Month
1	Specialist/MBBS Doctors	10	Rs. 60,000/-
2	Research Scientist (Medical)	1	Rs. 60,000/-
3	Research Assistant	1	Rs. 40,000/-
4	Staff Nurse	10	Rs. 20,000/-
5	Anaesthesia Technician	2	Rs. 15,000/-

For details of notification visit institute website www.bimsbelgaum.org.

Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer and member secretary, Recruitment Committee, Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences,Belagavi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-382/MCA/2020-21

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

TENDER NOTICE
Tender No.SCTL/PRJ/236/2019-IT/ICMCC-RFP1

Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited (SCTL) invites online bids from eligible bidders for "Selection of Master System Integrator for Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC) in Thiruvananthapuram"

* Bid Submission Start Date: 3rd August 2020, Monday
* Bid Submission Last Date: 27th August 2020, Thursday, 5.00 PM

Sl. No	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)
1.	Selection of Master System Integrator for Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC) in Thiruvananthapuram	2020_SCTLT_374708_1	Rs.80,70,59,618.60/-

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
TIRUVANNAMALAI MUNICIPALITY
Tender Notice No.: 179/2014/E1 Dated: 31.07.2020
NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) for Construction of New Bus Stand in Tiruvannamalai Municipality on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) – TENDER DATE upto 23.09.2020 (IIIrd Call)

Tiruvannamalai is a Temple and also known for its trading activities. The existing Bus stand of the Tiruvannamalai Municipality was constructed around 20 years back with 50 bus bays as "A" class bus stand being operated at present to connect surrounding villages and towns. Considering the future growth of the town, Tiruvannamalai Municipal Council approved the proposal to construct a new bus stand with all required amenities in Municipality land situated at New Survey 26/1, 26/2, 27, 28, 29/1, 29/3, 29/5... Esaniyam in Tiruvannamalai.

"Request for Qualification (RFQ)" is invited from Developers for construction of Bus Stand on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis for a period of 22 years. Interested Developers may apply for the project based on their eligibility as per eligibility criteria mentioned in the RFQ document **(para 34 to 38).**The bidders should be single Business Entity incorporated as a Public/ Private Limited Company, incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956/ 2013. More details are provided in the RFQ document.

The eligible bidders shall be evaluated as per the qualifying criteria and become eligible to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

The RFQ document can be obtained on payment of **Rs.10,000/-** (Non refundable) from the Tiruvannamalai Municipality office from **05.08.2020 to 22.09.2020 up to 3.00 p.m.** RFQ document can also be downloaded from the following websites: **http://tntenders.gov.in** and Tiruvannamalai municipal website: **https://www.tnurbantree.tn.gov.in/tiruvannamalai/ between 05.08.2020 to 22.09.2020 up to 3.00 pm.**

The pre-proposal meeting shall be conducted on **18.08.2020 at 11.00 hrs.** at the address noted below to clarify the queries that may be raised by the bidders.

The duly filled-in and wax sealed tender documents shall be submitted online or offline method on or before **22.09.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs.**

Proposals will be opened on **23.09.2020 at 15.30 Hrs.** at the address indicated below.

DIPR/2930/Tender/2020
Commissioner (i/c), Tiruvannamalai Municipality, Tiruvannamalai – 606 601 Tamilnadu

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that my clients Mr. Ankit Khare and Mrs. Shraddha Shrivastava are the present owners of Schedule Property have lost the Original General Power of Attorney dated 12-06-2013 executed by erstwhile owner Mrs. Shweta Bhambhani in favour of Mr. Mahesh C Kingrani in respect of Schedule Property described here below has been lost / misplaced. The aforesaid my clients have already lodged a Police Complaint before HAL Police Station, Bangalore on 23-07-2020 which has been registered as NCR 657/2020. If anyone has traced the aforesaid Documents or have any objections, kindly inform the person mentioned infra in writing with necessary documents within **15 (fifteen)** days from this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

A Three Bed Room Apartment with vitrified flooring bearing No. RC-705 situated on the Seventh Floor in the Apartment Complex known as 'Purva Riviera' measuring Super built up area of 1583 Square feet of which built up area of 1312 Sq. Ft. (which is inclusive of Balconies and utility space) and proportionate common area of 271 Sq. Ft. (which is inclusive of the floors, ceilings and walls between the Apartments and common areas attributable thereto) together with a covered car parking together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase, garden area and other areas of common use with an undivided right of 0.119% which is equivalent to 613.32 Sq. Ft. of land situated in Sy. No. 29 in full and parts of Sy. Nos. 23, 24, 27, 28, 31 and 32 of Munnekolala Villlage, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk in all measuring 11.80 acres (11 acres 32 Guntas.) bounded as follows:

East by : Sy No. 32, 31 and 27 belonging to Spice Garden
West by : Land belonging to Usha Martin Power Company Limited (earlier belonging to Canara Housing Development Company
North by : Tank in Sy. No. 25 and KG Chinnappanahalli and
South by: Bangalore - White Field Main Road

ANANTH PAI, Advocate, No. 26, 'CHAITANYA', 3rd 'A' Main, AGB Layout, Mahalaxmipura, Bangalore – 560086

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to caution the Generel Public that our client **Najmuddin Azeez** S/o Late Mohammed Abdul Azeez alias Azizulla is the tenant in common co-owner along with **Smt Zubeda Khatoon,** Naseeruddin Azeez the wife & son of Late Mohammed Abdul Azeez in respect of the Residential Building No.387 BBMP old ward No.71, New Ward 114, old PID No. 71-54-387, New PID No.114-W0035-38, situated in 4th Square Austin Town, B'lore -560047 measuring East to West 23 feet & North to South 22.09 feet totally 523.25 Sq ft & there is a dispute amongst the above mentioned members & our client regarding the equal Partition this residential building property is referred to as the schedule property hereunder.

The public are cautioned that if any third party/is intending to purchase the schedule property entirely or any portion thereof shall not be able to acquite the Legal, right title & interest by way of the said purchase as the said sale purchase & shall not be binding upon the Legal right, title & interest of our client's equal share in respect of this Schedule property this schedule property & yourselves shall be purchasing the same at your own risk, costs & consequences.

SCHEDULE

All that piece & parcel of the Residential building No.387 above mentioned old New PID No's totally measuring 523.25 Sq feet & **bounded on** the **East by:** Quarters No.394, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Quarters No.386, **South by:** Quarters No.388.

ADVOCATES
AFSARUNNISA, S.CHANDRU, M.A.VENUGOPAL, MALLIKARJUNA
No. 57/58, 2nd floor, Anandrao Extension, 6th Main, A Cross, Gandhinagar, Opp Kart St Nursing Council, Near Movie Land Theatre, Bengaluru-560009.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ತಹಸೀಲ್ದಾರ್‌ರವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಂದಾಯ ಭವನ, ನೆಲ ಮಹಡಿ, ಕೆ.ಜಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560 009

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಎಂ.ಎಸ್.ಸಿ/ಸಿಆರ್/01/19–20 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 03–08–2020

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	Auction Notice Number	ಚರಾಸ್ತಿಗಳು ಇರುವ ಸ್ಥಳ ಮತ್ತು ವಿಳಾಸ	ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪನ
1	RD. 2020-321 auction;74	ಫ್ರಂಟ್ ಲೈನ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಸಿ ಯುನಿಟ್ ಐ.ಎಂ.ಎ. ಹೆಲ್ತ್‌ಕೇರ್ ಪ್ರೈವೆಟ್ ಲಿ. ನಂ. ಎಲ್ –149/ಎ, ನೆಲಮಹಡಿ, 5ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 6ನೇ ಸೆಕ್ಟರ್, ಹುಡಿಸ್ತಾನ್ ರೆಸ್ಟೋರೆಂಟ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್. ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	3,31,000/-
2	RD. 2020-321 auction;76	ಫ್ರಂಟ್ ಲೈನ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಸಿ ಯುನಿಟ್ ಐ.ಎಂ.ಎ. ಹೆಲ್ತ್‌ಕೇರ್ ಪ್ರೈವೆಟ್ ಲಿ. ಅಂಗಡಿ ನಂ. 898/1, ನೆಲ ಮಹಡಿ, ಕೋರಮಂಗಲ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 6ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಕೋರಮಂಗಲ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	3,29,000/-
3	RD. 2020-321 auction;77	ಫ್ರಂಟ್ ಲೈನ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಸಿ ಯುನಿಟ್ ಐ.ಎಂ.ಎ. ಹೆಲ್ತ್‌ಕೇರ್ ಪ್ರೈವೆಟ್ ಲಿ. ಅಂಗಡಿ ನಂ. 343/34, 2ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 32ನೇ ಇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 4ನೇ ಟಿ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಜಯನಗರ	1,74,000/-
4	RD. 2020-321 auction;79	ಫ್ರಂಟ್ ಲೈನ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಸಿ ಯುನಿಟ್ ಐ.ಎಂ.ಎ. ಹೆಲ್ತ್‌ಕೇರ್ ಪ್ರೈವೆಟ್ ಲಿ. ನಂ. 8, ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ ನಂ. 170, ಕೆ.ಇ.ಬಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಬನ್ನೇರಘಟ್ಟ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಜಯದೇವ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಎದುರು ಬಿ.ಟಿ.ಎಂ. 2ನೇ ಹಂತ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	2,85,000/-
5	RD. 2020-321 auction;80	ಫ್ರಂಟ್ ಲೈನ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಸಿ ಯುನಿಟ್ ಐ.ಎಂ.ಎ. ಹೆಲ್ತ್‌ಕೇರ್ ಪ್ರೈವೆಟ್ ಲಿ. ನಂ. 187, 14ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಕೊತ್ತನೂರು ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಹುಟ್ಟೇನಪಾಳ್ಯ, ಮೀಲೇನಿಯಂ ಆರ್ಚಾಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ, 7ನೇ ಹಂತ ಜೆ.ಪಿ. ನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	4,22,000/-
6	RD. 2020-321 auction;81	ಐ.ಎಂ.ಎ. ಗೋಲ್ಡ್, ನಂ. 343/34, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, 32ನೇ ಇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 4ನೇ ಟಿ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಜಯನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560 041	12,16,000/-
7	RD. 2020-321 auction;84	ಐ.ಎಂ.ಎ. ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲ್ ಚಾರಿಟೆಬಲ್ ಸೊಸೈಟಿ, ಫರ್ನಿಚರ್ ಗೋಡೌನ್, ನಂ. 30, ಮೈಕೋ ಬ್ಯಾಕ್ ಗೇಟ್ ಎದುರು, ಬನ್ನೇರಘಟ್ಟ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	16,80,000/-
8	RD. 2020-321 auction;85	ಐ.ಎಂ.ಎ. ಜ್ಯೂವೆಲರ್ಸ್ ನಂ. 47, ಮತ್ತು 48, ಅಂಚೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ಎದುರು, 11ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಜಯನಗರ, 4ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು	48,78,500/-

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ವಿಶೇಷ ತಹಸೀಲ್ದಾರ್,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

DIPR/DDU/DESHPAN/EPUBLICITY/723/2020-21

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Commissioner, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560 002

No: AC(R&E)/PR/108/2020-21 DATE: 04.08.2020

NOTIFICATION

To Manage COVID-19 Patients, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike intends to conduct walk-in-Process for Service of the following Para Medical Staff posts for 06 months purely on temporary basis for shifting Covid suspected patient through 100 BLS Ambulances.

Walk-in-Process

Sl. No.	Name of the posts	Number of Posts	Educational Qualification	Consolidated Pay
1	Para Medical Staff	100	Staff Nurse / Lab Technician / Pharmacist / ANM / Male Health Worker Courses recognized from Paramedical Board of Karnataka	Rs.15,000/- + Rs.5,000/- (Covid Allowance) = Rs.20,000/-

Eligibility Criteria

1) Age Limit: On the last date of notification, candidates shall not exceed the age of 50 years.
2) The candidates should have the knowledge of Kannada (to write, speak and read)

Date : 05.08.2020 and 06.08.2020
Place of Interview : Sir Puttanna Chetty Town Hall, Bengaluru
Time : 10:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

The eligible candidates are requested to come with all relevant original and photo copy of documents to walk in process on the above mentioned place and dates. The Commissioner, BBMP has the right to increase or reduce the number of posts.
For other information please contact Phone: 080-22975563
Email ID: bbmpacrecruitment@gmail.com and visit BBMP website www.bbmp.gov.in

Sd/-
Commissioner
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Let us fight this Covid-19 pandemic together by preventing the spread of this infection.

Wear Mask compulsorily | Maintain Social distence | Use Sanitizer | Wash your hands frequently | Stay home Stay safe

Candidates Attending the Walk-in-Interview must wear Mask and maintain Social Distance

The BBMP sealed the OPD at Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital, Bengaluru, as it was taking advance payments from Covid patients for booking of beds, on Tuesday

6,777 NEW RECOVERIES

69,272 TOTAL RECOVERED

HELPLINES
080-46848600
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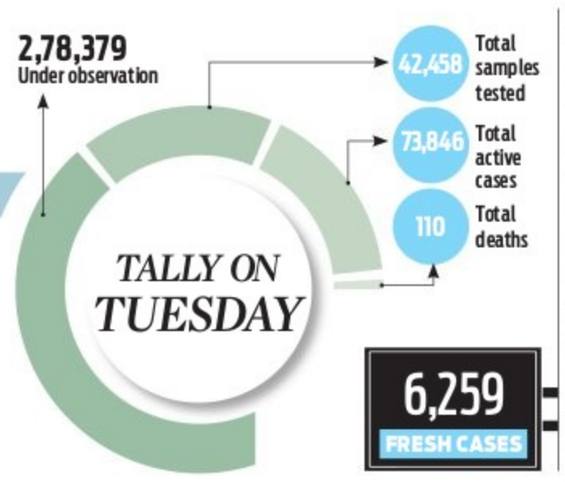
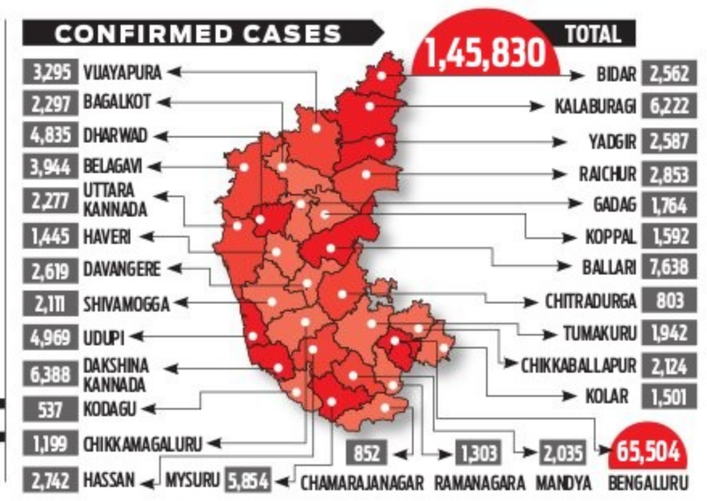
104 Arogya Sahayavani will function too





Happy hypoxia in patients worries doctors

Such Covid-positive patients feel fine and healthy, but condition suddenly deteriorates, leading to death

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WITH the state seeing an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases, experts have been seeing multiple cases of "happy hypoxia" or "silent hypoxia" amongst 30-40 per cent of patients which is a cause of concern.

The silent hypoxia is when the peripheral oxygen saturation remains good, but the partial pressure of oxygen is very low that shows up in the arterial blood gas (ABG) tests. But patients do not feel any symptoms of low oxygen, as they feel fine, healthy and keep talking. Suddenly, their condition deteriorates, leading to their death.

In a case study, a patient's partial pressure oxygen (PO2) was 73.7 as against the normal value of 83-108, while the peripheral saturation level (SO2) was 95.5 per cent, which is normal. "In such cases, peripheral saturation remains good which is seen on a pulse oximeter, but when the ABG test is done, PO2 levels are quite low. When there is a discrepancy between PO2 and SO2, these patients come into the category of silent or happy hypoxia. They do not feel breathlessness or gasping and are normal," said Dr Anoop Amarnath, Head, Scientific Board, Chairman, Geriatric Medicine, Manipal Hospital, and a member of the Critical Care Support Team.

A health worker carries coronavirus testing kits to a clinic near Town Hall Junction in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

"The concern is that there is no correlation between peripheral saturation level and Oxygen saturation levels in the blood. These patients do not show any symptoms. It is a must to detect these patients early and prevent them from becoming more hypoxic, which will reduce the mortality," he said. The potential causes are clotting in the lungs, direct viral interaction with haemoglobin and acclimatisation.

Dr Amarnath said that silent hypoxia is usually seen between Day 2 and Day 10 of the onset of clinical symptoms. Patients with lung involvement, like pneumonia, that can be detected through the CT scan or X-ray, are more prone. Also, happy hypoxia patients have elevated four inflammatory markers – ferritin, LDH, IL6 and D-Dimer.

"We have seen cases in the age group of 20-50. All the countries and also many states in the country have reported such cases. In Karnataka too, there have been instances," he said.

On managing such patients, Dr Amarnath said that all treating physicians should have an index of suspicion. "Doctors should not rely only on PO2 and must do an ABG, which reveals the patient's status. Next is the oxygen supplementation. Even if a patient has 93 per cent saturation, but his/her ABG shows partial pressure of oxygen, then patients need to be given oxygen supplementation. Thirdly, such patients should be advised awake proning which helps in making us of lungs that are underutilised. Lastly, if the inflammatory marker -- D-Dimer — is elevated then blood-thinning injections should be given," he said.

Medical staff collect samples at a mobile fever clinic in Ballari | EXPRESS

COVAXIN TRIALS IN BELAGAVI SHOW PROMISE

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

The human clinical trial of BBV152 Covid-19 vaccine or Covaxin in a Belagavi hospital has achieved initial success as the four volunteers who were administered the first dose are fully healthy and fit after five days. According to hospital authorities, they are not having any health complications or any side-effects of Covaxin.

Sharing details about how the trial began, Dr Amit Bhate, Director of Jeevan Rekha Hospital, Belagavi, said, "After a tedious process of selecting the right volunteers, we administered the first dose of the vaccine on two men and two women on Friday. All four were healthy and had tested negative for Covid-19 before they were given the first dose."

According to Dr Bhate, the second dose of Covaxin will be given to the four after 14 days (as per the rules). Later, the process of testing the antibody level and immune system of all the volunteers who are given both doses of Covaxin will begin once they complete 28 days on taking the first dose. The team of doctors will draw up a report based on the condition of the volunteers, said Dr Bhate.

The four volunteers have been isolated in their houses in Belagavi where a team of doctors is monitoring their health condition regularly.

The hospital has been testing many people who have come forward to undergo the Covaxin trials. Dr Bhate said it was difficult to get volunteers without the slightest health complication and who have tested negative for Covid-19. However, the hospital has been able to select several other volunteers who will also be undergoing trials on completing all the formalities. Only those aged between 18 and 55 without health problems and tested negative for the pandemic will be eligible to undergo the Covaxin trials.

He said the second phase of the trial at Jeevan Rekha Hospital would begin after 20 days. According to sources, 375 volunteers have been put under Covaxin trials in 12 centres across the country.

HC to state: Submit protocol for expert panel

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THE state government should place on record the standard protocol laid down for functioning of the expert committee appointed to monitor Covid hospitals and Covid Care Centres, said the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday.

The division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar issued the direction, noting that the chart submitted by the government indicated that it has not applied its mind in appointing experts from other fields. As per the Supreme Court order and subsequent directions of the High Court, the state government constituted the committee headed by Dr CN Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology.

The bench said that the job of committees would be easier if a protocol is laid down, and asked the member-secretary of the state-level committee to respond.

The bench noted that the committees should not only monitor treatment, but also look at several other issues, like availability of ambulances and medicine, maintenance of hygiene, etc.

Meanwhile, the bench made it clear that hospitals and medical practitioners should issue death certificates with the cause mentioned as Covid only if that is the exact reason, and if there is some doubt, they should avoid it.

The state government must clarify whether hospitals and medical practitioners should issue Form 4 (death at the hospitals) or 4-A (death at other places), the bench ordered.

Hearing on price tomorrow

Directing the state government to file its response on social activist Geetha Misra's application on allotting beds to VVIPs, but denying them to the public, the bench said it will hear the plea along with the pricing of PPE kits and other medical equipment on Thursday.

2 records: Most cases & discharges

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KARNATAKA on Tuesday recorded its highest-ever single-day Covid-19 positive cases of 6,259, taking the total to 1,45,830. However, the state also marked another record highest -- the number of discharges in a single day at 6,777, which is even higher than the positive cases added, and 2,001 more that of Monday when 4,776 were discharged. The state's total discharges are now at 69,272.

This is the second time Karnataka has reported over 6,000 positive cases in a single day. On July 30, it had 6,128 cases. The state's ever-increasing positivity rate now stands at 9.79% with 1,45,830 positive cases against 14,89,016 tests conducted.

Heartening, the number of active cases has fallen by 0.83 per cent from 74,469 on Monday to 73,846 on Tuesday. On Monday, Karnataka came down to the third position among states with the highest number of active cases, after Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

The state's recovery rate has been improving since July 20 and on Tuesday it stood at 47.50 per cent. However, it lags behind national average of 66.28%.

However, Karnataka's mortality rate is 1.85 per cent, much better than the national average of 2.09 per cent. With the addition of 110 deaths, the state's toll on Tuesday was 2,704.

In Bengaluru Urban, 2,035 total positive cases were reported, but the number of daily discharges were 4,274. Bengaluru Urban has been consistently recording the highest number of cases. But, according to the state war room data, the daily growth rate over the past five days is higher for other districts than Bengaluru Urban.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Tuesday tweeted, "Bengaluru records the lowest mortality rate compared to other metros i.e 115 deaths, while the state records 39 deaths per million population. Delhi records five times and Maharashtra three times more than Karnataka per million population (sic)".

24/7 helpdesks at pvt hospitals for better coordination

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BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said that 24x7 helpdesks will be set up at all private hospitals to avoid inconvenience to the public in need of beds for treatment of Covid-19.

Answering the queries of BBMP corporators at the Council meeting on Tuesday, Prasad said that helpdesks will facilitate better coordination. As members condemned the attitude of private hospitals, Prasad said that efforts were being made to put a better system in place.

"There have been complaints that some hospitals are not admitting patients recommended by the BBMP. It may have happened due to lack of coordination. To avoid such inconvenience, we will set up helpdesks that function round-the-clock at all private hospitals. The helpdesk staff will coordinate between the agencies and hospital. This will help keep the bed ready before the patient arrives and also provide quick updates on the availability of beds," Prasad said.

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> **Manjunatha Prasad, BBMP Commissioner**

A BBMP health worker sticks a 'home quarantine' notice outside Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's residence Cauvery in Bengaluru, on Tuesday | EXPRESS

He pointed out that some public health centres which were inaugurated years ago were still not functional, and can now be used to treat Covid patients. Steps will be taken to double the number of tests per day, he said.

When several members complained that private hospitals were not reserving 50% of beds as per the direction of the state government, both Prasad and Mayor M Goutham Kumar said the plight of private hospitals cannot be ignored.

Prasad said that walk-in interviews held by BBMP to recruit medical staff on contract basis did not see a good turnout.

Abdul Wajid, opposition leader in the BBMP, alleged that some hospitals charge each patient Rs 15,000 for PPE kits, though the doctor visits 10-15 patients wearing the same PPE kit. He demanded that action be taken against such hospitals.

Another member pointed out that due to Covid-19, people who die natural deaths are also finding it difficult to get death certificates, and the government should arrange for them.

COVID WATCH

Convalescent plasma taken to Chennai in 4.5 hrs

Bengaluru: In a first, an inter-state Green Corridor was created to transport convalescent plasma from HealthCare Global Enterprises Limited Cancer Hospital Bengaluru to a private hospital in Chennai. The distance of 348 km was covered in 4.5 hours. An elderly woman with comorbidities was tested Covid-positive and was admitted to a private hospital in Chennai. The plasma was extracted from a donor in Bengaluru at 3 pm, and the transfer facilitation began. The ambulance started at 5 pm and reached Chennai at 9.30 pm. **ENS**

Double kidney surgery on 62-yr-old patient

Bengaluru: A 62-year-old, Covid-positive patient successfully underwent bilateral kidney stone surgery at Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road. The patient had stones in both kidneys, one of which had entered the left ureter and required immediate surgery. The patient had undergone two angioplasties earlier and was on blood thinners. The team of doctors led by Dr Mohan Keshavamurthy, Director Urology, Fortis Hospital, Bangalore and Dr Karthik Rao, Consultant Urology, Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru performed a surgery on the patient immediately. **ENS**

EXPERT COLUMN

AYUSH DOCS NOT TRAINED TO TAKE CARE OF CRITICAL PATIENTS

DO you give an option to a Covid-19 patient to be treated by Allopathy, Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Sidha or Unani doctors?

But it is a perfect strategy for the National Health Mission, which seems to have a cafeteria-like approach in giving choices to patients. Already, the Ayush Ministry has clarified that there is no antiviral drug it can offer, but only immune-boosters. Under modern medicine too, there are no antiviral drugs with proven impact yet. The sheet anchor of treatment is preventing micro-clot formation and minimising the effect of immune reaction of the body to coronavirus called cytokine storm. Patients will have oxygen starvation and breathlessness in spite of supply of oxygen and use of ventilators. Salvaging from death is possible only by an efficient management of such serious complications. Imagine that role being entrusted to doctors who are not trained in modern medicine or gadgets.

All 94 doctors under the BBMP list, released on July 10, are non-allopathic, like ayurveda, unani, homoeopathy, yoga and naturopathy and dental graduates, except one MBBS doctor. The second day, there were 12 more MBBS doctors among the 200 selected. They are all paid a monthly salary of Rs 45,000 and will be posted at the BIEC Covid Care Centre. The reality is that except these 13 MBBS doctors, no one else is supposedly trained in giving an injection or a drip. They are less skilled than a qualified nurse, leave alone managing ventilators and understanding ICU monitors. The blanket authorisation given by the BBMP to Ayush doctors to treat serious Covid cases should be condemned.

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Former Health & Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF, India and Life Member of Indian Academy of Paediatrics, Indian Public Health Association, Public Health Resource Network

Operation theatre technicians in Nepal are trained in anaesthesia skills. India also rolled out life-saving anaesthesia skills and emergency obstetrics care training to MBBS doctors to reduce maternal mortality. These are skill upgradation of lower qualified staff to perform specific duties under supervision.

But is it justified to get Ayush doctors to do clinical work and treat serious illnesses? A predecided treatment plan is entirely different from diagnosing complex medical conditions.

Co-location and providing Ayush services is part of the NHM strategy. I am all for pluralism of therapies, but without crossing borders. Ayush doctors in many states under NHM funding are not practising what they are taught because of lack of drugs and other supplies. In many states, Ayush doctors are deputed to mobile clinics and screening for congenital diseases, which they don't know.

Many Ayush doctors are on the payrolls of corporate hospitals, but they are mostly utilised in the night or off-duty hours. The unsuspecting public pay the same charges, which is exploitation.

In many nursing homes, allopathic doctors submit affidavits saying they work there but don't, and these facilities are totally run by Ayush doctors. Someone needs to bell the cat.

Health officials don't give the approval to 'single doctor nursing homes' for want of additional doctors during off duty-hours, but ironically, the government runs institutions without qualified hands. Health can be a state subject, but not a state's political decision.

Why are IMA and Karnataka Association of Community Health silent? Do they approve of Ayush graduates managing serious Covid cases? Do Karnataka Technical Advisory Committee members support this move? They should convince the BBMP and state government to revise this decision.

What is the way out if MBBS doctors are reluctant to accept these posts? Raise the temporary emoluments to Rs 1 lakh and negotiate with doctors from private nursing homes that are closed. To offset the extra budget required, reduce the number of Ayush supportive doctors. If at all they are posted, they should be under the close supervision of MBBS doctors with a ratio of 1:3.

When laddus are distributed as prasada to lakhs of devotees in Ayodhya on Wednesday, they will have the essence of Karnataka as the ghee used to make the sweet is from the State. This is yet another Karnataka connect to the historical Bhoomi Pooja of Shrirama Mandir in Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh

Central water panel sounds flood warning

ENS @Bengaluru

WITH the Western Ghats experiencing heavy rainfall, water levels in the dams of Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe (UT of Puducherry) are rapidly increasing, the Central Water Commission warned on Tuesday. In a special advisory for Dams in the Western Ghats, the commission has warned that inflow into dams in these states, including Karnataka, is likely to increase heavily over the next 3-5 days as rainfall is expected to continue. The Central Water Commission has asked for State authorities to take necessary precautions, including the sharing of information to lower riparian states and downstream districts.

"Project authorities of those reservoirs which are near 'Full Reservoir Level' (FRL) like Harangi dam (91% filled), Kabini dam (85% filled), and Upper Tunga (Gajanur) dam (100% filled) have to be very watchful and release water as per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and inform all downstream districts, as well as lower riparian States," the advisory from the committee said.

Over 11,000 cusecs of water was let out from Harangi reservoir after heavy downpour across Kodagu | EXPRESS

Bhagamandala recorded heavy rainfall, creating a flood-like situation in Kodagu | EXPRESS

Flood alert in K'taka

Water released to TN; People told to move to safer places

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru, Madikeri, Chikkamagaluru, Mangaluru

WITH heavy rain lashing the Wayanad region of Kerala, due to a depression in the Arabian Sea, water level in the Kabini river has been steadily increasing, leading to more inflow into the reservoir and leading Karnataka to release water to Tamil Nadu.

The Cauvery Neeravari Nigama and Mysuru district administration, which sounded a flood alert asking people in low-lying areas to move to higher ground, discharged water from the four crest gates at Beechanahalli.

Irrigation officials tracking the rain in Kerala, apart from the rise in the river level near Bavali on the Karnataka-Kerala border, discharged 17,000 cusecs of water, which would increase to 20,000-25,000 cusecs late in the evening, depending on inflow into the reservoir.

With dam safety in mind, officials are on high alert, and people closer to the banks of the river have been advised to stay indoors. Boating between villages on the Karnataka-Kerala border has come to a halt near Machur-DB Kuppe.

Meanwhile, the level in Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir has shot up to 105.70 ft, as against the maximum of 124.8 ft, with an inflow of 5,056 cusecs and outflow of 4,713 cusecs. The inflow is likely to increase, as water is released from the Harangi reservoir in Kodagu district, which is full. Officials discharged 4,750 cusecs as the reservoir level is 2,856 ft, as against the maximum of 2,859 ft.

Heavy, continuous downpour across Kodagu since Sunday has hit normal life in the catchment area. The district recorded 106.12 mm (4 inch) rainfall in 24 hours (Monday 8.30 am to Tuesday 8.30 am). Harangi reservoir crest gates were reopened to let out over 11,000 cusecs of water and people in low-lying areas were asked to shift to safer places.

Meanwhile, the Kodagu district administration passed precautionary notices to residents staying in vulnerable areas to shift to safer places as the meteorological department has predicted heavy rainfall till August 7.

The water level in the Cauvery at Kushalnagar has increased, and Kakat Poley, Lakshman Theertha and Rama Theertha streams across South Kodagu are in full flow, following continuous rainfall. A flood-like situation arose in Bhagamandala, which has recorded 186.4 mm (7.34 inch) rainfall in the past 24 hours. Overall, the district recorded 979.12 mm rainfall since January.

Heavy rain is likely to occur in Malnad region over the next five days, and an 'Orange alert' has been issued, said KM Praveen, district agriculture (weather unit) expert. In a statement, he urged farmers to postpone farming activities by 10 days.

Heavy rain coupled with strong winds has been battering Kottigehara and its surroundings since Sunday. The town received 54.2 mm rainfall on Monday.

A slope on Charmadi Ghat road, near Malaya Maruta, caved in on Monday evening. National Highway Authority staff rushed to the spot and started clearing the rubble and mud.

The Met department issued a Red alert in Dakshina Kannada on August 5 and Orange alert from August 6 to 8, in view of the forecast of heavy rainfall.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General public that, my client is the agreement holder of un-registered sale agreement dated 20-10-2009 from the absolute owners namely C. Ayyanna & his 5 brothers S/o Late Chinnappa, R/at Munikalappa Garden, Behind Junior College, Ward No.2, Kengeri, Mysore Road, Bangalore-60, in respect of the Schedule Property. Under the said agreement my client has paid the advance sale consideration by way of Cheques to the tune of Rs.20,00,000/- and the same was encashed. The owners have under-took to get the land converted from agriculture to non-agricultural purpose. After conversion within 3 months my clients are required to register the sale deed by paying the balance sale consideration. So for the schedule property is not converted from agriculture to non-agriculture residential purpose. Even now the said agreement is subsisting and in force.

Now, the absolute owners namely C. Ayyanna & his 5 brothers S/o Late Chinnappa, suppressing the above said sale agreement, are trying to alienate the said property illegally, even though they have no right, title or interest over the said property. Hence the General Public hereby informed by this notice not to transact with the said persons in respect of the schedule property.

In-spite of this notice, any person or persons transact or purchase the schedule property from the said persons in respect of the schedule property, they will not acquire any right, title or interest and they will lose the money. Hence this Notice

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All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing New Sy.No.121, Old Sy.No.121/9 & 10, measuring 1 acre 17 guntas of land situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and the same is bounded on :

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Whereas the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of the Property
1	Mrs. Rampur Jayalakshmi	Loan A/c No: 621892405 Rs.27,71,364/- (as on 31.01.2020) Loan A/c No: 622848402 Rs. 3,12,952/- (as on 31.01.2020)	24.02.2020	04.08.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential two bedroom flat bearing No.210, in the Second Floor, of the apartment building known as "OMEGA ASTER", having a super built up area of 1040 Sq. feet with one covered car parking space with proportionate share of 450 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Sy No.88, and present BBMP Katha No.59/88/1, No.D.A.516/2013-14, earlier portion of BBMP Katha No.59/88, No.DA/271/2013-14, situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru.

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However, since the borrower mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken Symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Pnachanma drawn and Inventory madeare available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower is requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 05.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
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Name & Address of the Borrower	Property Address on Which Loan Availed	Notice Date	Bal. O/S (Claimed) in Rs.	Sanctioned Amt.(in Rs.)
1. Seven H. Logistics Private Limited (Borrower) Off at: Reg Office- No 150, 7th cross, Margosa Road, 3rd Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. **Also At:** Office No. 45, 2nd floor, 2nd Main Road, Sankey Road, Palace Orchards (Opposite Nature's Basket) Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080. Works - No 150, Malleswaram Arcade, 7th cross Margosa Road, 3rd Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. **Address for communication:** No.19/3, 3rd Floor, Cunningham Road, Bangalore -560052. **Office premises No.** 707, 7th Floor, in the building known as Great Eastern Summit B premises Co-Operative Society limited bearing Plot No. 66, in Sector No. 15 Central Business District Belapur, Navi Mumbai, taluka and District Thane 400601. **2. Mr. Abhishek Vijaykumar (Guarantor)** No. 268, 15' Main, RMV Extension, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080. **3. Mr. Gopalan Vijaykumar (Guarantor)** No. 268, 15th Main, RMV Extension, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080. **4. Mrs. Rajani Vijaykumar (Guarantor)** No. 268, 15th Main, RMV Extension, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080. **5. M/s. Seven H Premises (Corporate Guarantor)** Registered Office at: B 1/3 EMCA, House 289, SBS Marg, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra- 400001.	**Schedule - 1:** All that piece & parcel an Office premises admeasuring about 1462 Sq Ft + Terrace Area admeasuring about 354 Sq Ft built up area bearing Office premises No. 707, on the 7th Floor, in the building known as Great Eastern Summit B premises Co-Operative Society limited constructed on all that piece or parcel of land admeasuring about 400 Sq Mtrs bearing Plot No. 66, in Sector No. 15 of Central Business District Belapur, Navi Mutnbai, taluka and District Thane, within registration District Thane and bounded as follows: East : 30.00 Meters Wide Road. West : Plot No. 56 North : Plot No. 67 South : Garden. **Schedule - 2 :** All that piece & parcel of the plot bearing Nos. 3,4 and 5 measuring a total extent of 6071 Sq Ft, in the layout of house site known as Saroja Nagar Vide Approval No. Ma.Va.Na. U.Tu. E. (Ch.Mu) No. 209/2008 comprised in survey No. 239/2B situated in No.5, Maiyur village, Madhuranthanthangam taluk Kancheepuram district State of Tamil Nadu. Boundaries and Measurements for plot No. 3. East : Plot No. 4 68.9 Feet West : Plot No. 2 71.6 Feet North : 50 feet Road 30 Feet South : Plot No. 9 30 Feet Admeasuring 2100 Sq Ft. Boundaries and Measurements for plot No. 4. East : Plot No. 5 66.3 Feet West : Plot No. 3 68.9 Feet North : 50 feet Road 30 Feet South : Plot No. 8 30 Feet Admeasuring 2024 Sq Ft. Boundaries and Measurements for plot No. 5. East Plot No. 6 63.9 Feet West : Plot No. 4 66.3 Feet North : 50 feet Road 30 Feet South : Plot No. 7 30 Feet Admeasuring 1947 Sq Ft. **Schedule — 3** All that piece & parcel of the land bearing Plot No. 33 and 34 measuring a total extent of 3480 Sq Ft in a layout of house site known as SARAJA NAGAR Vide Approval No. Ma.Va.Na.U.TU.E.(Ch.MU) No. 209/2008 comprised in Survey No. 244/2, Situated in No. 5, Maiyur village, Madhuranthanthangam taluk Kancheepuram district State of Tamil Nadu. Boundaries and Measurements for plot No. 33. East : 23 Feet Road 57.3 Feet West : Plot No. 4 58 Feet North : 30 feet Road 30 Feet South : Plot No. 32 30 Feet Admeasuring 1729 Sq Ft. Boundaries and Measurements for plot No. 34. East : Plot No. 33 58 Feet West : Plot No. 35 58.3 Feet North : 30 feet Road 30 Feet South : Plot No. 32 30 Feet Admeasuring 1751 Sq Ft. **Schedule -4 Schedule - A** All that piece & parcel of the immovable property bearing Corporation No. 147, 147/1, 148, 149,150,150/1 and 150/2 (old No. 190) III main road malleswaram Bangalore, in corporation Ward No. 7, and entire site measuring East to West 100 feet and North to South 63 feet measuring in total 6300 Sq Ft (700 Square yards) and the entire set bounded on the: East : Conservancy Lane West : 3rd Main Margasa Road, North : Property No. 146 South : Private Property **Schedule - B** All that piece and parcel of Office Unit bearing No. F-5 Corporation No. 147/9, in the first floor of the commercial complex known as Malleswaram Arcade constructed on the schedule A property measuring 604 Sq Ft of super built area (including one half part in the depth of joints between the ceiling of the unit and internal and external walls between such levels) along with 150/6300 undivided right title and interest in the schedule a land equivalent to 150 Sq Ft. The Office unit has RCC roof and is constructed with cement concrete blocks jungie wood doors steel windows, mosaic flooring and together with separate electricity, common water and sanitation. **Schedule — 5 Schedule - A** All that piece & parcel of municipal property bearing No. 1327/974/5/2/6/3, 4,5,6 in Ward No. 4 of Chikkabomasandra Sub Division, Yelahanka Range BBMP Bangalore, and earlier forming part of Sy No. 5/2, Sy 6/3, 6/4, 6/5, and 6/6 of Mandalakunte Village, yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring 935037.78 Sq Ft (86867.13 Sq Mts) inclusive of Open Space Park and vivic amenity areas relinquished to BDA in an extent of 233751 Sq Ft (21716 Sq Mts) and bounded on as follows: East : Remaining Portion of Survey No. 5/2 and property bearing Survey No. 6/1 and 6/2 of Mandalakunte and GKVK Property. West : GKVK Property North : Yeshwanthpura — Yelahanka Road and then property bearing Survey No. 7. South : Village Border of Cikka Bommasandra Village. **Schedule — B** An undivided 0.077% (Zero Point Zero Sven Seven Percent) share (equivalent to 540 Sq Ft) in the land comprising in the schedule A Property. **Schedule — C** A Three Bed Room Apartment bearing No. VB-1203, on the Twelfth Floor, in Block-1, SAN POLO of the residential apartment complex known as Purva Venezia Constructed on the schedule A property having a built up area of 1353 Sq Ft (which is inclusive of balconies and Utility space) and proportionate common area of 257 Sq Ft (Which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and common areas attributable thereto) together with two covered car parking space. The building is RCC framed structure with vitrified tiles flooring, metal windows and wooden doors connected with electricity and water supply.	29.02.2020 NPA Date 26.12.2019	Rs. 4,10,20,851/- as on 30.11.2019 Cash Credit 9120300 27490920 Bank Guarantee 91903007 5316534 Term Loan (Run Down balance) 91806006 6565255	Rs. 310.00 (In Lakhs) Rs. 125.00 (In Lakhs) Rs. 47.00 (In Lakhs)
1. Mr. Fayaz Desai (Borrower) No. 3, 6th Cross 3rd Main, LB Shastry Nagar Near Mina Bazar, Bangalore Karnataka - 560017 India. **And Also:** RGF HR Agent India Private limited, Divyasree Cummbers 2nf Floor Wing A II O Shaunessy Road, Langford Town, Bangalore Karnataka 560025 India. **And Also:** Flat T 3 3rd Floor, Kalpataru Apts Site No. 5 Vibhudipura Village, K R Puram Hobli, HAL, Bagalore - 560017. 2) Mrs. Ameena Ahmed (Co-Borrower) No. 3 , 6th Cross, 3rd Main, LB Shastry Nagar Near Mine Bazar, Bangalore Karnataka - 560017 India. **And Also:** Flat T 3 3rd Floor, Kalpataru Apts Site No. 5 Vibhudipura Village, K R Puram Hobli, HAL, Bagalore - 560017.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential Flat No. T-3, 3'd Floor, with a built up area of 977 Sq Ft consisting of Three Bedroom along with common area including the passages, lobbies, stair cases and one car parking space and other common areas in the building known as Kalpataru Apartments and 1000 Sq Ft of undivided share in the property bearing Site Nos. 5 and 5/1, Khata No. 42/2 situated at Vibhutipura Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now comes under BBMP Limits, present BBMP Khata No. 10/10/T3, HAL Airport Sub-Range, Ward No. 87, Bangalore, Measuring in all 12000 Sq Ft and bounded on the : East: Private Property West: Private Property North : Road South : Private Property.	28.02.2020 NPA Date 04.02.2020	Rs. 17,62,510/- as on 28.02.2020 Power Home 000900 663708	Rs. 32,00,000/-
1. M. Govindaraj T (Borrower) No-004, Ground Floor, Rishika Enclave 2nd Main ADJ ISRO Layout Vittal Nagar Bangalore Karnataka 560078 India **And Also:** Bangalore Tours N Travels No 16 RBGTC Building Near City Railway Station Entrance Bangalore Karnataka 560023 India. **And Also:** No 209 7th Main Road Rpc Layout Vijayanagara 2nd Stage Bng South Bangalore Karnataka 560104 India. **And Also:** Apt No B-5114, Type B2, Blk 51, 1st Flr, Brigade Meadows, Kaggalipura Village, Uttrahalli Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560082. **2. Mrs. Bharathi G (Co-borrower)** No-004 Rishika Enclave 2nd Main Vittal Nagar Near Isro Layout Bangalore Karnataka 560078 India. **And Also:** No 004 Ground Floor Rishika Enclave 2nd Mn Adjacent To Isro Layt Vitta Ngr Bangalore Karnataka 560078 India. **And Also:** Apt No B-5114, Type B2, Blk 51, 1st Flr, Brigade Meadows, Kaggalipura Village, Uttrahalli Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560082.	**Larger property:** All that properties bearing sy No. 114, 119/1,119/2, 120, 121/2, 121/3, 121/4, 122, 123, 124/3, 124/4, 124/5, 124/6, 124/7, 124/8, 124/9, 125/2,125/3, 125/4, 126,126/1, 127/4, 127/5, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144,145,146, 147,148/2, 148/3 and 149 situated in Kaggaipura village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and in all measuring 62 Acres 12.25 Guntas duly converted for non agricultural purposes and presently bearing Panchayath Khata Nos. 1293/01 and 1293/03 in the records of Kagglipura Village panchayath and bounded by: East : Bangalore kanakapur N H 209 and Private Properties. West : Pipeline and Private properties. North : Property in Sy No. 113, Government Tank in Sy No. 150 property in Sy No. 143 and other private properties and South : Property in Sy No. 116, 118, 127, 134, 135 and other Private Properties. **Schedule A Property:** All that property measuring 90531 Sq Ft equivalent to 8410.53 Sq Mt forming portion of property bearing sy no. 124/2, 124/3, 126 and 126/1 and situated in Kaggalipura Village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded by: East Internal Road and thereafter visitors parking area within Brigade meadows. West Internal Road and thereafter CA site within Brigade Meadows North : Internal Road and thereafter park and open space within Brigade Meadows South : Internal Road and thereafter sector 5B3 & park and open space within Brigade Meadows. **Schedule B Property:** 359 Sq Ft or 33 Sq mtrs undivided share right title interest and ownership in land in schedule A Property. **Schedule C:** Property All that Residential Apartment bearing No. B-5114 in First floor of Block-51, Type B2-Basil at Sector 5 of Brigade Meadows built in schedule A property presently bearing 2-Swathu No. 150200300100322386 and admeasuring 789 sq ft of built up area and 161 sq ft of proportionate share in common use and totally measuring 950 sq ft of super built up area approximately with right to use one covered car parking space in the Stilt level and the apartment is bounded by: East Open towards open space in Block-51, Type B2 Basil at Sector 5 of Brigade Meadows West Open towards open space in Block -51 Type B2-Basil at Sector 5 of Brigade Meadows. North : Apartment No. B-5213 in First Floor of Block -52 Type B2-Basil at Sector 5 of Brigade Meadows South : Apartment No. B-5113 in First Floor of Block -51 Type B2-Basil at Sector 5 of Brigade Meadows	28.02.2020 NPA Date 04.02.2020	Rs. 34,60,127/- as on 28.02.2020 Power Home PHR 000901542925	Rs. 37,04,101/-
1. Mr. Ayub Khan (Applicant) No. 145, Alishaanshirdi Sairathan Layout, Hegdenagar, Bangalore-560045 **Also at,** Yani Stone Materials Company, No.226, 'F' Block, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092 **Also at,** A-1.5 BHK apartment bearing No. B-101, 1' floor, 'B' Block, "CENTURY CELESTE" Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore **Also at,** A-1.5 BHK apartment bearing No. B-102, 1" floor, 'B' Block, "CENTURY CELESTE" Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore **2. Mrs. Reshma Khan (Co-Applicant)** No. 145, Alishaan Shirdisai Rathan Layout, Hegdenagar, Bangalore-560045	**SCHEDULE-A (Loan agreement No.PHR056100534707)** All that piece & parcel of A-1.5 BHK apartment bearing No. B-101, in 1s' floor of 'B' Block, of the multi-storied building known as "CENTURY CELESTE" constructed on the schedule 'A' Property admeasuring 1,083Sq.ft of super built area, having 498 Sq Ft of undivided share in the survey No.14/2(p) in Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bearing BBMP Khata No.1025/14/2, Ward No.20, issued by the BBMP Byatarayanapura sub division, measuring to an extent of 2 acres and bounded on the:- East by: Jakkur Tank bed, West by: Existing Public Road, North by: Private property belonging to Nanjundappa. South by: Private Property belonging to Muniswamappa. Hanumaiah and Sanjay S Rao. **SCHEDULE-B (Loan agreement No.PHR056100589431)** All that piece & parcel of A-1.5 BHK apartment bearing No. B-102, in floor of 'B' Block, of the multi-storied building known as "CENTURY CELESTE" constructed on the schedule 'A' Property admeasuring 1,083Sq.ft of super built area, having 498 Sq Ft of undivided share in the survey No.14/2(p) in Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bearing BBMP Khata No.1025/14/2, Ward No.20, issued by the BBMP Byatarayanapura sub division, measuring to an extent of 2 acres and bounded on the:- East by: Jakkur Tank bed, West by: Existing Public Road, North by: Private property belonging to Nanjundappa. South by: Private Property belonging to Muniswamappa. Hanumaiah and Sanjay S Rao.	26.02.2020 NPA Date 04.02.2020	Rs. 55,88,079/- as on 25.02.2020 Power Home PHR 056100534707 Power Home PHR 056100589431	Rs. 24,78,240/- Rs. 36,14,100/-

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrowers and/ or the guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice as per the provision of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002. Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, after Receipt of Notice referred to in Sub-section (2), transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of sections 13 of the Act. The borrowers may redeem the secured assets by paying the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 04.08.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Sujatha Shetty, Director, M/s. Pacific Pharmaceuticals (P) Limited, Plot No.309, IV Phase, 8th Cross, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore - 560 058, resident of No.102, 2nd Main Road, II Stage, West of Cord Road, Bangalore - 560 086, caution the public that her husband Dr. K.Yathindranath Shetty, S/o. Late B. Subbaiah Shetty, now residing at Kiran Nilaya, Post Kenya, Sulya Taluk, Mangalore District, Karnataka State, is at logger heads with his wife and children, has been indulging in fraudulent deeds either to squander or to dispose of properties of M/s.Pacific Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd., morefully described in the schedule mentioned here below, part by parts by fraudulent sale deeds without the knowledge and consent either of my client or other Director without holding any valid board resolution. Already it is found that Dr.K.Yathindranath Shetty in collusion with (1) Sri.M.Vasu Bin Mariyappa (Vasudev) (2) Sri.V.Harshul, son of Sri. M.Vasudev & (3) M/s.Unique Punch Systems Pvt. Ltd. represented by its Director, with common intention to cheat her and the company created various fraudulent sale deeds. My client has already logged a Police complaint to the concerned Police station to take action against her husband and other fraudsters. Dr.K.Yathindranath Shetty is separated from the family and he has no right whatsoever on the family properties as well as company's property. Now it is learnt, he is making an attempt to transfer the remaining part of the schedule property fraudulently. Dr.K.Yathindranath Shetty has already caused sufficient loss and damage to my client, her children and their company. It is also learnt by my client that Dr. K.Yathindranath Shetty, who has developed all kinds of bad habits, is creating and concocting documents indulging in impersonation and forgery and takes huge advances either by entering into fraudulent agreement/s or mortgaging the properties of the company. My client instructs me that there is no board resolution to sell the schedule property or part of it. She also instructs me that she neither executed any Power of Attorney nor signed any other documents either in favour of Dr.K.Yathindranath Shetty or in favour of 3rd parties to convey title of the remaining part of the schedule property much less the alleged board resolution. Either my client or the other Director - Mr. A.Sudeepchandra Shetty are not responsible for those who are dealing with Dr. K.Yathindranath Shetty and such transactions shall be done at the risk of those indulge in such deeds with Dr. K.Yathindranath Shetty.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the portion of industrial shed bearing No.309 (northern portion), BBMP Khatha No.309, in the layout formed by KIADD in Sy.No.46 of Nellagadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, situated at IV Phase, 8th Cross, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru - 560 058 and presently coming within the limits of BBMP and bounded on:

East by : K.I.A.D.B. Road,
West by : Plot No. 342,
North by : Plot No. 310,
South by : Sri. M. Mariyappa & Others and 1st party's remaining property (Factory Premises)

Admeasuring feet in all about 38,836 sq. ft. together with existing structure of 15,450 sq. ft., built of ACC sheet roof steel / aluminum doors and windows, with 625 sq. ft., of RCC roof with steel / aluminum doors and windows with vitrified tiles.

K. S. CHANDRAHASA, Advocate
No.323, "SRI. RANGA NILAYA",
2nd Floor, 3rd Main, (80 Feet Road),
Opp. BDA Complex, 1st Block, R.T. Nagar,
Bangalore - 560032.
Place: Bangalore **Date: 03/08/2020**

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The **Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, Hosur Main Branch** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 08.03.2017 in respect of the credit facilities availed from our **Canara Bank, Hosur Main Branch,** calling upon the **borrowers / guarantors M/s.Presscom Products Private Limited,** No.69-B, SIPCOT II, Mooranapalli, Hosur-635109. **Represented by its Managing Director Mr.N.Sampath,** S/o.Mr.N.Natesan, No.1850 / 42, 19th Cross, M.R.C.R Extension, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040. **and Director Mr.N.Vadivelu,** S/o.N.Natesan, 309, 2nd G Cross Street, IIIrd Block, IIIrd Stage, Basaveswaranagar, Bangalore-560079 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.19,59,27,500/-** (Rupees Nineteen Crores Fifty Nine Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only) together with further interest along with applicable penal interest, costs and further charges from 01.02.2017, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers / guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / guarantors and the public in general that the **undersigned being Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, Hosur Main Branch for and on behalf of Asset Recovery Management Branch, Chennai - 600 018 has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the said Rules **on this 31st day of July 2020.**

The Borrowers' / Guarantors' attention is invited to the provisions of Sub section(8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank, Asset Recovery Management Branch,** Second Floor, Circle Office Building, No.563/1 Anna Salai, Teynampet Chennai-600 018, for an amount of **Rs.33,93,46,836/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Crores Ninety Three Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Six Only) as on 30.06.2020 together with further interest and costs thereon.

This notice is issued in supersession of the earlier possession notice dated 27.07.2017.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Property No.1 **(Property in the name of M/s.Presscom Products Pvt Ltd, vide Lease Deed Doc. No.4108/2001)** Leasehold rights in all that piece and parcel of **vacant land** situated at **Plot No.68 -B** in SIPCOT's Industrial Complex at Hosur (Phase – II) within the village limits of Moornapalli, Shoolagiri Block, Taluk of Hosur, comprised in S.No.108 (Part) and 109 (Part) measuring an **extent of Acre 0.75 Cents.** The property bounded On the North by : Plot No.71 and 72 C, On the South by : Plot No.C.P.No.15, On the East by : Plot No.68-A, On the West by : Plot Nos.69 – A and 69-B. Situated within the Sub - Registration District of Hosur and Registration District of Krishnagiri and morefully described in Lease Deed Doc.No.4108/2001.

Property No.2 **(Property in the name of M/s.Presscom Products Pvt Ltd, vide Lease Deed Doc.No.2810/1996)** Leasehold rights in all that piece and parcel of land and building constructed thereon situated at **Plot No.69-B** in SIPCOT's Industrial Complex at Hosur (Phase – II) within the village limits of Moornapalli, Taluk of Hosur and in revenue district of Dharmapuri as per document, comprised in S.No.108 (Part) and land measuring an **extent of Acre 1.00 Cents.** The property bounded On the North by : Plot No.70 C and 71, On the South by : Plot No.69 A, On the East by : Plot No.68, On the West by : 12.20 mts wide road. Situated within the Sub - Registration District of Hosur and Registration District of Krishnagiri and morefully described in Lease Deed Doc.No.2810/1996 alongwith all plant and machineries therein.

Property No.3 **Item No.1: (Property in the name of Mr.N.Sampath, vide Doc.No.2515/2005)** All that piece and parcel of **Land measuring 4796 sq.ft in Sy.No.44/7 and 2616 sq.ft in Sy.No.44/6 both put together 7412 sq.ft of Contiguous land consisting of Industrial Sheds** situated in Kothakondapalli, within the jurisdiction of Kelamangalam Sub-Registrar Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District together with Two 25 HP Power and 60 KVA Power Connection along with a Borewell, a Jet Pump attached to it and is bounded On the North by : Building named as Lakshmi Nilayam, On the South by:Land in Sy.No.731/3B of Mookandapalli Belonging to Sri Kuntappa's family, On the East by : Land in Sy.No.731/3A of Mookandapalli, On the West by : Land in Sy.No.44/5 belonging to Sri Marappa. Situated within the Sub - Registration District of Kelamangalam and Registration District of Krishnagiri and morefully described in Doc.No.2515/2005.

Item No.2: (Property in the name of Mr.N.Sampath, vide Doc.No.7135/2005) All that piece and parcel of **Land measuring Acre 0.09 Cents or 3929.4 Sq.ft & Building** constructed thereon in S.No.731/3A of Mookandapalli, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District coming within the Jurisdiction of Hosur Sub- Registrar and the land bounded On the North by : Lakshmi Nilayam, On the South by : M.S.R. Building, On the East by : High Way, On the West by : Sy.No.44/7 of Kothakondapalli, Situated within the Sub - Registration District of Hosur and Registration District of Krishnagiri and morefully described in Doc.No.7135/2005.

Property No.4 **(Property in the name of Mr.N.Sampath, vide Doc.No.4935/2006)** All that piece and parcel of **Land and Building amenities measuring about Acre 5.51 Cents in Sy.No.1010/2B, Acre 1.78 Cents in Sy.No.1011/2, Acre 0.14 Cents in Sy.No.1012/2, Acre 0.70 Cents in Sy.No.1013/3, Acre 2.92 Cents in Sy.No.1023/2B and Acre 1.39 in Sy.No.1011/3 in all measuring total extent of Acres 12.44 Cents** situated at Kelamangalam – Denkanikotta Road, Kundumaranapalli Village and Panchayat, Kelamangalam Union, Denkanikotta Taluk, Krishnagiri District morefully described in Doc.No.4935/2006, situated within Sub-Registration District of Kelamangalam and Registration District of Krishnagiri.

Place : Chennai
Date : 31.07.2020

Authorised Officer
CANARA BANK

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our clients **Mr. SWAROOP KUTNIKAR** S/o. Sri. Vasanth Kumar Kutnikar and **Mrs. PREETHI KUTNIKAR** W/o. Mr. Swaroop Kutnikar are intending to purchase the "Schedule Property" mentioned hereunder from **Sri. V. SAJIKUMAR** S/o Mr. C.K Vasudevan. Any Person/s, Banks, Financial Institution., etc. objecting for the proposed sale or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the "Schedule property" are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which our clients shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Municipal Residential Property No. OC-302, formed by Bengaluru Development Authority, situated at 3rd **Block, Hennur Road Banaswadi Road (HRBR Layout), now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, having BBMP PID No. 89-397-OC-302, Bengaluru,** measuring East to West: 8.50 Meters and North to South 12.20 Meters, totally measuring 103.70 Square Meters, along with 2500 Square Feet of RCC Roofed duplex building, doors and windows are made by teak wood with civic amenities together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by :** Site No. OC-304, **West by :** 3rd 'C' main Road, **North by :** 'D' Cross Road, **South by :** Site No. ZC-301.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN, M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
No.235 (Old No.13), 9th Main, 4th Block,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, my client - **Mr. SRINIVASAN LAKSHMANAN**, S/o Lakshmanan, aged about 24 years, residing at No. 73, Prema Nilaya, 5th Cross, Ananda Layout, Kodigehalli, Bangalore - 560097, intend to purchase the below shown Schedule Property under a Registered Sale Deed from- **Mrs. SAVITHRI** W/o. G.P. Pandu, aged about 43 years, residing at No. 17, 1st Cross, Bharathnagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097.

If anybody has got any share, right, title, interest & claim over the Schedule Property either in part or full, may kindly contact the undersigned with relevant documents within 10 days failing which my client will proceed for further transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing **Site No. 22,** Kasaghattapura Gram Panchayat Katha No. 56/3/22, Assessment No. 56/3, situated at **GUNIAGRAHARA VILLAGE,** Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 40 ft and North to South: 30 ft, in all measuring 1200 Sq. ft, consisting of **3440.8 Sq.ft** of RCC Roofed residential building thereon with all civic amenities, which is bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 21, South by: Site No. 23.

PRASAD .D KAGWAD, Advocate
No. 18, Above HDFC ATM, Kodigehalli
Main Road, Sanjevininagara,
Sahakaranagar Post, Bangalore-92.
Mob: 93796 27478 Date: 4-8-2020

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.81,68,483/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Three Only)** as on **27-08-2019** together with further interest to be charged from **28-08-2019** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. N. Parameshwar, S/o. T. Narayan, No.605, 2nd Cross, K R Garden, Opp. NDDB, Koramangala, 8th Block, Bangalore – 560 095. No.2) Mrs. N.Jyothi, W/o. N. Parameshwar, No.605, 2nd Cross, K R Garden, Opp. NDDB, Koramangala, 8th Block, Bangalore – 560 095.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property owned by Mr.N.Parameshwar S/o.T.Narayan)

Schedule - A

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy.No.41/5, measuring 01 acre 02 guntas of converted land and 01 Gunta Kharab, converted vide order No.ALN(EVH)SR/505/2007-08 dated : 08-12-2008 approved by Spl. Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, measuring 01 acre 03 guntas situated at Doddakannahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Bangalore with a building constructed as per a BBMP approved building sanctioned plan vide LP No.429/2012-13, bounded by : East by : Sy.No.40 of H.V.Narayana Reddy, West by : Sy.No.41/6 of K.T.Muniswamy Reddy's Land, North by : Road, South by : Sy.No.41/1 of D.M. Annaiah Reddy's Land.

Schedule - B

475 Sq.Ft. undivided share, Right, Title and interest in the Schedule "A" property.

Schedule - C

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Flat No.B-403 in Block D in Fourth Floor, "KPR SUNRISE SQUARE" built in SCHEDULE "A" property, measuring 1,620 Sq.ft. of super builtup area, containing 2.5 Bed Rooms, Hall Dining Room, Kitchen, Vitrified Tiles being used for the flooring, Honne and Mathi wood being used for all the doors and windows including the main door along with one covered car parking area in the Basement.

Reserve Price : Rs. 65,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Five Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
27-08-2020	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Banashankari Branch,** 784, II Phase 7th Block, Banashankari, III Stage, 100 Ft. Road, Bengaluru – 560 085. Telephone No. 080-26423599, Cell No. 9379877590.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Banashankari Branch, 784, II Phase 7th Block, Banashankari, III Stage, 100 Ft. Road, Bengaluru – 560 085.** **(3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No. 080-26423599, Cell No. 9379877590.** **(5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" & "Whatever-thereis", basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **1.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 03-08-2020 **Authorised Officer**

CITY UNION BANK LTD.

Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.
Phone : 0435-2402322, 2401622 Fax : 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.82,47,775/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five Only)** as on **09-04-2018** together with further interest to be charged from **10-04-2018** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Shri Krishna Trims & Fabrics Pvt. Ltd., No.13/22/1, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Marappanapalya, Yeshwanthpura Industrial Area, Bangalore - 560 022. No.2) Mr. Kishore Aggarwal, S/o. Om Prakash Aggarwal, No.159, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Jai Maruthi Nagar, Nandhini Layout, Bangalore -560 096. No.3) Mr. Ramesh Kumar Singh, S/o. Pratap Singh, No.2, 2nd Cross, Marappanapalya, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore - 560 022.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties owned by Mr. Kishore Aggarwal, S/o. Om Prakash Aggarwal)

PROPERTY – I

Schedule - A : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No. Sy.163 of Vibhithipura Village, R. Puram, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 75 x 40 Sq.ft. and bounded as follows : On the East by : 20 Feet Road, On the West by : Land of Narayanappa and Naidu, On the North by : Doddachikkaiahs Land, On the South by : Naidu's land.

Schedule - B : All right title and interest in Schedule - A property apartment bearing No.G-01, on Ground Floor in the "Choice Home Apartments" 1,100 Sq. Ft. of Super Built up Area (253 Sq. Ft. of UDS).

Schedule – C : Residential Apartment Flat Bearing No.G-01, on Ground Floor, Vide CMC of K R Puram, Katha No.3462 of the choice Home Apartment No.163, Vibuthipura, Basavanagara Main Road, Bangalore – 560 037. Now Comes under BBMP, Flat measuring 1,100 Sq. Ft. of Super Built up area in the building constructed in Schedule - A property mentioned herein above.

Reserve Price: Rs.38,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Only)

PROPERTY - II

All that piece and parcel of vacant site portion No.32 bearing New No.36/2 (CMC Khatha No.383), Old Katha No.988, situated at T. Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwantapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.39 with measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South : Eastern side 16 feet and Western side 28 feet in all 330 Sq.feet and bounded on : On the East by :Site No.31, On the West by :Private Property, On the North by :Private Property, On the South by : Road.

Reserve Price: Rs.2,50,000/-
(Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
26-08-2020	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Rajaji Nagar Branch,** No.1002/55, KRK Chambers, Ist Main, 4th Block, 80 Feet Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru -560 010. Telephone No.080-23155151, Cell Nos.9379757170, 9379101515.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Rajaji Nagar Branch, No.1002/55, KRK Chambers, Ist Main, 4th Block, 80 Feet Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru -560 010.** **(3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23155151, Cell Nos.9379757170, 9379101515.** **(5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 03-08-2020 **Authorised Officer**

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,12,40,339/- (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakh Forty Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Nine Only)** as on **08-09-2019** together with further interest to be charged from **09-09-2019** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Renaissance International, No.68/1, 1st Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Mysore Road, Near Timber Yard Layout, Bangalore - 560 026. No.2) Mr. Rishav Gupta, S/o. Mr. Vimal Kumar Gupta, No.904, Purva High Lands, Mallasandra Village, Bangalore - 560 062. No.3) Mrs. Ruchilla Gupta, W/o. Mr. Rishav Gupta, No.904, Purva High Lands, Mallasandra Village, Bangalore - 560 062.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Rishav Gupta, S/o. Mr. Vimal Kumar Gupta)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property now existing and any superstructure to be putup thereon Bearing No.12 of Kaggalahalli Gram Panchayat situated Olive Garden, Adamadu Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore measuring East to West 101.75 Feet and North to South 100 feet in Total measuring 10,175 Sq.ft. and bounded on:- East by - Plot No.13, West by - 36 feet Road, North by - 36 feet Road, South by - Plot No.15.

Reserve Price: Rs.50,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Lakh Only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
25-08-2020	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Jaya Nagar Branch,** No.126, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Near A.V.R. Swarna Mahal Signal, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011. Telephone Nos.080-26639771 / 080-26639772, Cell Nos.9343130500 / 9341010605.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-Jaya Nagar Branch, No.126, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Near A.V.R. Swarna Mahal Signal, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011.** **(3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone Nos.080-26639771 / 080-26639772, Cell Nos.9343130500 / 9341010605.** **(5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 03-08-2020 **Authorised Officer**

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance
109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road,
Bengaluru - 560001.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

1) Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **29-06-2019** calling upon the **Borrower: Mr. M. Mallikarjunaswamy,** S/o, Mahalingaiah, D.No. 20, 1st Cross Herohalli, Near Govt School, Madeshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560 091, **Also at,** Sapna Book House RO 3rd Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560 009, **Also at,** No. 19, 2nd Cross, Byraveshwara Nagar, Sunkadakathe, Bangalore – 560 091, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. K.H. Dhanalakshmi,** W/o, M. Mallikarjunaswamy, D.No. 20, 1st Cross Herohalli, Near Govt School, Madeshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560 091, **Also at,** Gurushree Condiments Bakery, No. 14, 1st Cross, 1st Main Herohalli, Madeshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560 091, **Also at,** No. 19, 2nd Cross, Byraveshwara Nagar, Sunkadakathe, Bangalore – 560 091, **Guarantor: Mr. H.S. Satish,** S/o, Some Gowda, D.No.1, 8th Cross, Gowdara Colony, Nagashettyhalli, Bangalore - 560 094, **Also at,** Sapna Book House RO 3rd Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560 009 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 2581870000367** being **Rs.22,39,209/-** with further interest from 07-06-2019 onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **29th day of July 2020.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Repco Home Finance Limited, Asset Recovery Branch, No.109, First Floor, A-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 001 vide **Loan Account No. 2581870000367** for an amount of **Rs.25,09,055/-** with further interest from **29-07-2020** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No. 20, formed in Property Assessment No. 26/12, Khatha No. 738, situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently property comes under the limits of BBMP Madeshwaranagar Measuring East to West: 30 Feet, North to South: 40 feet totally 1200 Sq.ft., along with building thereon and bounded on:-

East by: Site No. 19 **West by:** Site No. 21 **North by:** Site No. 55 **South by:** Road

2) Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **17-07-2019** calling upon the **Borrower: Mr. V. Machalagan,** S/o, Late Velliyappan, D.No. 508, 5th Cross, Chennakeshavanagar, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560 100, **Also at,** House site No. 53, Assessment No. 2, Katha No. 480, Naganathapuram Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. M. Shanthi,** W/o, V. Machalagan, D.No. 508, 5th Cross, Chennakeshavanagar, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560 100, **Also at,** House site No. 53, Assessment No. 2, Katha No. 480, Naganathapuram Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South, **Guarantor: Mr. K. Venkatesh,** S/o, Kadhirvel, No. 10, Vinayak Nagar, 5th Cross, Naganathapura, Bangalore - 560 100 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 2581816000342** being Rs.**44,35,826/-** with further interest from **05-07-2019** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **30th day of July 2020.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Repco Home Finance Limited, Asset Recovery Branch, 109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 vide **Loan Account No. 2581816000342** for an amount of **Rs.51,32,756/-** with further interest from **06-07-2020** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Gramatana House List No. 53, Assessment No. 2, Katha No. 480, situated at Naganathapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhath Bengalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 27 feet totally measuring 1080 Sq.ft., together with building constructed Ground plus four Floors and bounded on:

East by: Private Property **West by:** Road **North by:** House List No. 52 **South by:** House List No. 54

Place: **Bengaluru**
Date: **30-07-2020**

Authorised officer
Repco Home Finance Limited

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

CIN-L65910KL1992PLC006623
IV/470A (old) W638A(New), Manappuram House,
Valapad, Thrissur, Kerala - 680 567.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 22/ 08/ 2020 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website . The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

KOLAR, BAZAR ROAD BANGARPET, 126840700016996, MUNIKRISHNA, 13000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7369, ANIL KUMAR N, 16000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 7897, PRAKASH, 13000/-, CHAIN 1, 7915, HARISH KUMAR, 28754/-, DROPS & STUD 6,LOCKET 1, 7981, FAYAZ, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7989, RAMACHANDRA M, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8026, NAGESH, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8050, JAYAKUMAR V, 14300/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 8146, VASANTHI R, 6992/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 8189, YALLAPPA M G, 4000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8216, NAGESH R, 12900/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8888, SHOUKATH ULLA KHAN, 170000/-, NECKLACE 1, 8927, MANJUNATH, 3000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8958, SANTHOSH KUMAR V, 95000/-, CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 2, 8969, RAMACHANDRA, 27000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8981, NAGABUSHANA, 51000/-, NECKLACE 1, 8991, SHASHIKUMAR, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 9038, SHASHIKUMAR, 8000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 9044, JAMUNA, 34000/-, NECKLACE 1, 9068, THIMMAREDDY, 99999/-, CHAIN 1, 9075, UDAYAKUMARHA, 24000/-, FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 2, 9092, HARISH KUMAR, 56000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 9103, LATHIF, 98000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 9111, SUBRAMANI, 22000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, BANGALORE, BB ROAD YELAHANKA, 106340700059434, J C RAMA SWAMY, 3500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9852, CHIKKANNACHARI K S, 18995/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 106340700060029, ASHOK KUMAR, 11955/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0777, AMBRESH D S, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1056, SRINIVASALLU P, 34000/-, CHAIN 1, 1902, SHAIK IMRAN, 25000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 1940, SHIVARAJU, 23238/-, CHAIN 1, 1954, GOURAV KUMAR DIXIT, 86000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1959, JAFAR AHMED SYED, 34627/-, EAR RINGS 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 1964, N M MANJUNATHA, 103000/-, BABY BANGLES 2,BRACELET 2,FINGER RINGS 3,MATTI 2, 1965, RAJESH S M, 8722/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1970, VENKATARAMANAPPA M, 9090/-, MATTI 2, 2071, PRAMOD KUMAR B K, 28000/-, CHAIN 1, 2132, SRINIVASULU C H, 12928/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2206, CHINNA REDDAPPA REDDY G, 14000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 106340730007871, NAGESH, 13242/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8077, VENKAT REDDY, 696731/-, BANGLE 4,BRACELET 1,NECKLACE 2, 9748, VENKAT REDDY, 683832/-, BRACELET 2,CHAIN 6,NECKLACE 5, 9848, BHAVYA S, 13932/-, DROPS & STUD 2, BDA ROAD AREKARE, 105600700055973, BHARAT R, 22180/-, CHAIN 1, 6184, RAGHAVENDRA V MOODER, 12750/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8090, PRAVEEN KUMAR G, 17000/-, CHAIN 1, 8119, RAMYA M, 9683/-, STUD 2, 8121, VIJAYKUMAR S, 22061/-, BANGLE 1, 8158, RAVIKUMAR . P, 225398/-, BANGLE 1,CHAIN 2,DROPS & STUD 2,NECKLACE 1, 8170, MADHUKUMAR K L, 24800/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 8256, BHAVANI SHANKAR A, 6000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8275, VIJAY KUMAR S, 37000/-, CHAIN 1, 8280, SNEHA Y, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8283, NJUNDAPPA, 7800/-, STUD 2, 105600730005800, GOWTHAMA, 28193/-, CHAIN 1, 5911, PRADEEPA S, 9676/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5987, MIRIYALA HIMAJA, 105081/-, BANGLE 2,DROPS & STUD 2, TUMKUR, BELLARY MAIN ROAD PAVAGADA, 103180700804792, MANJUNATH B Y, 9990/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6536, PAVITRA BAI S, 11387/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6756, GOVARDHANA V C, 4000/-, STUD 2, 6794, NAGARAJUNA, 5697/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6884, GOVINDAPPA, 6000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6901, NARASIMHAIAH, 7988/-, STUD 2, 6911, NAGAPPA, 20000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 8539, VENKATESHA, 21000/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8649, BADAPPA, 49700/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8655, GIRIJAMMA, 38988/-, DROPS & STUD 8, 8678, RANGANATHA D, 30000/-, CHAIN 1, 8739, ANJAPPA, 7500/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 8784, NAGARJUNA B R, 1993/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8896, VENKATAPPA, 8300/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 9028, NAGARAJU, 10991/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9099, ASWARTHA, 9975/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9125, CHITTANNA, 6986/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9200, RANGA SWAMY, 14445/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9227, NARASIMHAMURTHY, 19799/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9373, CHAND BASHA, 26462/-, DROPS & STUD 6, 103180700810467, HANUMANTHARAYA.K, 6000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0651, NAGENDRA, 8995/-, MATTI 2, 0736, KOLLAMMA, 27988/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0767, SHIVANNA, 14700/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0901, NAGARAJU, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0927, SRINIVASA N, 12000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1012, PEDDAOBULAPPAGARI NARASIMHAPPA, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1024, RARAJU, 9000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1128, K R BHARGAVARAMU, 64338/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 1229, HANUMANTHAPPA, 13987/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1235, NAGARAJA N, 10800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1254, G S SURESHA, 11592/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1310, RAMAKRISHNAPPA, 12900/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1311, PALLALI SHESHAPPA, 13196/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1317, H PRAKASH, 5000/-, STUD 2, 1335, CHOWDAPPA, 8698/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2851, NARASIMHAMURTHY, 9488/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2853, DASAPPA, 35000/-, CHAIN 1, 2864, RAMAKRISHNA, 27854/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 2872, SUBBARAYAPPA, 37220/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 2895, KRISTAPPA G, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2899, RAMAKRISHNA, 17800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2910, RADHAMMA, 19988/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 2911, RAMESH K, 12820/-, STUD 2, 2918, H LAKSHMI KANTH, 18000/-, STUD 4, 2927, YASHODAMMA, 5000/-, STUD 2, 2930, OBANNA C.J., 16800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2940, MARUTHI KG, 10000/-, STUD 2, 2951, AMBRESHA P L, 11400/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2970, HANUMANTHARAYA, 5000/-, STUD 2, 2981, OBALLANARASIMHAPPA, 15700/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 2996, A ANIL, 13000/-, CHAIN 1, 3004, HANUMANTARAYA.B.S, 11000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3026, LOKESH R, 40000/-, CHAIN 1, 3035, MALLESHA, 7600/-, STUD 2, 3068, PEDDA ANJINAPPA GARI NAGARAJU, 6000/-, STUD 1, 3078, NARASAMMA, 45000/-, DROPS & STUD 6, 3079, MANJUNATHA P, 56000/-, CHAIN 1, 3088, VENKATESH, 7100/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3092, SANGAMMA, 9000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3096, RAMESHA, 55000/-, CHAIN 1, 3108, VENKATESHALU.G.R, 3000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3110, VENKATALAKSMI, 54000/-, CHAIN 1, 3119, LAKKUDURAGAPPPA, 5000/-, STUD 2, 3164, SHIVAKUMARA .N, 39879/-, CHAIN 1, 3165, SHIVAKUMARA .N, 10879/-, MATTI 2, 3190, NAVEENAMMA, 8000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3199, CHALIMAPPA, 99999/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 3203, B MAHESH, 33556/-, CHAIN 1, 3205, B MAHESH, 64695/-, NECKLACE 1, 3209, B MAHESH, 63541/-, NECKLACE 1, 3217, LAKSHMMA, 43300/-, CHAIN 1, 3236, JAYARAMAPPA, 26000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 3241, RAMESHA S, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3259, MANJUNATH C, 74500/-, NECKLACE 1, 3273, VEERESH N, 35000/-, CHAIN 1, 3302, HANUMANTHU, 5800/-, STUD 2, 3324, SURESH N, 6000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 103180730005201, SURESH V, 4484/-, FINGER RINGS 1,

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MANDYA, 100 FEET ROAD MANDYA, 111350700032293, NANDINI D N, 9991/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4988, THEJASWINI P, 11500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 5005, LAKSHMI, 9999/-, EAR RINGS 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6193, ANILKUMAR S, 30000/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 2, 6223, SIDDALINGASWAMY H Y, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6225, MALLESHA S, 18000/-, DROPS 2,DROPS & STUD 2, 6235, MAHESH S, 16800/-, CHAIN 1, 6262, SHIVASHANKARE GOWDA P, 19600/- , FINGER RINGS 1, 6280, T C RAJESH, 12000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6326, M C TEJUMURTHY, 7000/-, STUD 2, 6339, CHITHA RANJAN DAS M D, 153153/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 111350700036343, THIRTHAKUMAR N, 18546/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6345, ABHISHEK M S, 5200/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 6371, SALMAN AHAMED, 18587/-, CHAIN 1, 6423, LAKSHMI, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6453, MAHESHA B P, 39900/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 6462, SHAILAJA G B, 49876/-, FINGER RINGS 3,STUD 6, 6512, JAYARAMU, 10100/-, STUD 2, 6516, SHRIDHAR C, 11500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 111350730007162, VIRENDRA SINGH, 16298/-, DROPS 2,EAR RINGS 4, 111350730011527, PRABHAVATHI, 65863/-, NECKLACE 1,STUD 2, 1630, ANANTHA B R, 33877/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1661, ABHISHEK H S, 6890/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1786, AMBIKA, 13621/-, STUD 2, BANGALORE, 11 TH CROSS BHUVANESWARINAGAR, 105990700039292, SHARANAYYA, 5000/-, STUD 2, 105990700040288, VENUGOPAL, 8300/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1194, SANTOSH, 80000/-, BRACELET 1,FINGER RINGS 1, 1229, LAKSHMI, 19996/-, FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 4, 1375, PADMASHREE, 23505/-, CHAIN 1, 105990730006449, MANJUNATHA.V, 132881/-, NECKLACE 1, 6456, DEEPAK H M, 150471/-, CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6473, SRINIVASU GUNTIMADUGU, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 1ST BLOCK RAJAJINAGAR, 100240700741421, RAMESH L, 7400/-, DROPS 2, 2666, LAKSHMANA V, 16500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2697, KIRAN B, 49000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 2729, NAHEE MOHAMMED, 8008/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2735, HANUMANTHA REDDY M S, 66158/-, CHAIN 1, 2738, SHARANGOUDA PATIL, 72000/-, NECKLACE 1, 2741, SARASWATHI R, 300300/-, BANGLE 4,CHAIN 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 2745, VINAYAKUMAR, 29000/-, CHAIN 1, 2755, RAGHUNATH G.D, 64962/-, BANGLE 2, 2773, SANTHOH SETTY, 51288/-, BANGLE 1, 2774, SANTHOH SETTY, 27900/-, CHAIN 1, 2793, RAMESH L T, 45000/-, CHAIN 1, 2810, C V VIJAY KUMAR, 35000/-, BRACELET 1, 2812, NAHEE MOHAMMED, 35000/-, CHAIN 1, 2835, VASANTH KUMAR S, 66000/-, CHAIN 1, 2837, VASANTH KUMAR S, 112112/-, NECKLACE 1, 100240730013904, AMRUT, 68949/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, 3947, UDAYA SHANKAR SHETTY, 72973/-, BANGLE 2, 3948, UDAYA SHANKAR SHETTY, 73979/-, BANGLE 2, 3949, UDAYA SHANKAR SHETTY, 75995/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 3950, UDAYA SHANKAR SHETTY, 67974/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 3951, UDAYA SHANKAR SHETTY, 74946/-, NECKLACE 1, 3952, UDAYA SHANKAR SHETTY, 134954/-, NECKLACE 1, 3953, UDAYA SHANKAR SHETTY, 103934/-, CHAIN 1, 3954, UDAYA SHANKAR SHETTY, 69966/-, BANGLE 24, 3955, UDAYA SHANKAR SHETTY, 82978/-, CHAIN 1, 4305, LATHA B H, 35610/-, FINGER RINGS 2,LOCKET 1,STUD 2, 4475, RAVI NAIK, 260013/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 5,NECKLACE 2, 1ST PHASE J P NAGAR, 108890700034116, ASLAM, 5837/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5207, AMBRUCE JACKSON T J, 9000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5277, ANJANAMMA, 14000/-, MATTI 2, 6045, GAVISWAMY, 66800/-, CHAIN 1,STUD 2, 6078, KHADEER KHAN, 14000/-, ELAS 2, 6160, HOGANARAMMA, 52000/-, DROPS 2,FINGER RINGS 3, 6164, MOHIRA, 50000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 3, 6174, BASAVARAJU M, 53000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6194, RUKSANA, 71900/-, CHAIN 1,NECKLACE 1, 6244, MOHAN KUMAR B G, 10500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6247, SARDAR, 8000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6256, MUNIRAJU, 87000/-, CHAIN 1, 6257, MUNIRAJU, 92000/-, CHAIN 1, 6258, SYAMALA, 13800/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 6267, CHINNAGIRI, 16000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6277, BADVEL NOOR AHAMAD, 240240/-, BANGLE 4,BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, 108890730007464, AYESHA SISSIQUE, 41843/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 7465, AYESHA SISSIQUE, 31326/-, NECKLACE 11,STUD 2, 9208, ANOJA JOSEPH, 16198/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, ADUGODI, 120010700023595, M HARSHITHA, 28041/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3665, DHARMOJIRAO, 13124/-, STUD 4, 3668, PREMA G, 19868/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 3699, LILLY GRACY, 10100/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 120010730011022, RANI, 31555/-, DROPS & STUD 4,FINGER RINGS 1, 1606, PRAVEENA K, 14000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1794, CHANDRASHEKAR, 15923/-, DROPS & STUD 2, AKSHAY NAGAR, 108100700033661, MANJUNATHA PM, 13000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3701, SRINIVAS M, 25561/-, FINGER RINGS 2,MATTI 2, 3860, RENUKA, 14030/-, MATTI 2, 4813, MURALI B, 20500/-, CHAIN 1, 5090, R MANJU, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 5948, BALU, 142000/-, BRACELET 2,DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 2, 5994, OM PRAKASH, 54567/-, BANGLE 1, 5995, OM PRAKASH, 71000/-, NECKLACE 1, 6024, RAMANATH R, 50000/-, CHAIN 1, 6086, PRADEEP S V, 27000/-, FINGER RINGS 1,LOCKET 1, 6096, SRIDHAR, 5000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6118, BALU, 23653/-, CHAIN 1, 108100730013684, SALIM VB, 20735/-, CHAIN 1, 3718, NAUSHAD KHAN, 50060/-, NECKLACE 1, 3720, NAUSHAD KHAN, 44910/-, NECKLACE 1, 3722, NAUSHAD KHAN, 34330/-, BANGLE 2, 3723, NAUSHAD KHAN, 47890/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 2, 3938, BABU B, 69000/-, NECKLACE 1, 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1, 3114, MOHAN KUMARA A D, 15000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3131, BIREGOWDA, 20120/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 3184, UMESHA H S, 3000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3201, NAGEENA BANU, 12000/-, CHAIN 1, 3202, MANJUNATHA, 10000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3220, SAVITHA, 6000/-, DROPS 2, 3221, SAVITHA, 19000/-, CHAIN 1, 3222, DEVARAJU, 18000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3239, MANJUNATHA, 17984/-, DROPS & STUD 2,FINGER RINGS 1, 3295, SOME GOWDA, 20000/-, BRACELET 1,STUD 2, 3321, DODDEGOWDA,

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The prosecution in the sensational actor abduction case can heave a sigh of relief as the Supreme Court on Tuesday extended the deadline for completing the trial at Additional Special Sessions Court by another six months.

KERALA DOC AMONG ISIS BOMBERS IN AFGHANISTAN

Ijas was in first batch of 21 people who left home to join terror body

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FORMER dentist from Kerala, **Ijas Kallukettiya Purayil**, is reportedly among the suicide bombers killed during a deadly attack on a prison in Jalalabad in Afghanistan on Sunday, which left 29 people dead and several others injured.

According to sources, Ijas' wife Rafilla and his five-year-old son Ayaan are currently in the custody of Afghan officials.

While there has been no official confirmation from the Ministry of External Affairs, sources said the confirmation of identity in such cases would be done only after matching the DNA samples.

"This could take time as currently there are no flights between the two countries due to the coronavirus pandemic," they said.

Sources also said that the information of Ijas' death was conveyed to the family after social media posts regarding the attack were made viral by the terrorist organisation.

On Sunday night, terrorists belonging to the Islamic State launched an assault on the Jalalabad prison complex, in a bid to free hundreds Islamic State and Taliban prisoners.

With this, the number of Keralites killed in Afghanistan and Syria fighting for ISIS has touched 14.

In March, a 21-year-old school dropout from the state Muhammad Muhsin was killed during an attack on a gurudwara in Kabul, which claimed 27 lives.

Ijaz was among the first batch of 21 persons who left their homes in Kasaragod and Palakkad districts in Kerala to join the Islamic State in May 2016.

A native of Padna in Kasaragod, Ijas was a government doctor when he chose to leave home with his wife and son.

They were accompanied by his brother Shihaz Rahman, his wife Ajmala. They flew to the UAE, from where they entered Iran and then Afghanistan.

With reports confirming that Ijas was the Islamic State suicide bomber in the Afghanistan prison attack on August 2, the number of Keralites killed in Afghanistan and Syria fighting for the terrorist organisation so far has touched 14.

Between 2016 and 2019, 13 Malayalis were reportedly killed in Afghanistan and Syria fighting along with IS terrorists against the United States and Afghan security forces. Over 30 Malayalis including a few women and children had left for Syria to join IS in 2016.

"We have been trying to verify details on each of the killed through multiple channels. But it's not that easy," said an intelligence officer.

PRIZE CATCH

Fishermen shift the Kommu Konam fish, which weighs 30 kg each, on to a trolley in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday | G SATYANARAYANA

EXPRESS READ

Former minister Satyanarayana dead

Tumakuru: Former minister and three-time Sira MLA B Satyanarayana (69) of the JDS, who was under treatment at Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road in Bengaluru, died on Tuesday night after prolonged illness. Satyanarayana was suffering for long from advanced chronic liver disease. He was in a very critical state and was under treatment in the intensive care unit for secondary to septicaemia with multisytem organ failure, and passed away at 10.45 pm, hospital director Dr Manish Rai said in a statement.

UPSC fifth-ranker Jeydev is Karnataka's topper

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AS many as 42 candidates from Karnataka have cracked the coveted Civil Services Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) 2019. Jeydev C S topped the state with an All India Rank (AIR) of 5 while Yashaswini B and Vinod Patil H were second and third in Karnataka with all-India ranks of 71 and 132, respectively.

Keerthana H S (AIR 167), Sachin Hiremath S (213), Hema Naik (225), Abhishek Gowda M J (278), Krithi B (297), Venkat Krishna (336), Mithun H N (359), Venkataramana Kavadikeri (364), Kaushik HR (380), Varun B R (AIR 395), Manjunath R (406), Harish B C (409), Yathish R (419), Jagadish Adahalli (440), Sparsha Nilagi (443), Vivek H B (444), Anand Kalladagi (446), Mohammed Nadimuddin (461), Meghana K T (AIR 465), Syed Zahed Ali (476), Vivek Reddy N (485), Hemanth N (498), Qammaruddin (511), Varun K Gowda (528), Praful Desai (532), Raghavendra N (536), Bharath K R (545), Prithvi S Hullatti (582), Suhas R (583), Abhilash Sashikanth Baddur (591), Darshana Kumar H G (594), Savita Gotyal (626), Prajwal (636), Ramesh (646), Priyanka Kamble (617), Gajanana Bale (663), Chaitra AM (713), Chandan GS (777) and Manjesh Kumar A P (800) are the others from the state who made the cut.

A total of 829 candidates have been selected to various Civil Services through the exam. The UPSC announced the final list of selected candidates based on the result of the Civil Services Examination, 2019 (Mains) held in September and the interviews held in February-August, 2020.

Laddus for Lord Rama made with Nandini ghee

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

WHEN laddus are distributed as prasada to lakhs of devotees in Ayodhya on Wednesday, they will have the essence of Karnataka as the ghee used to make the sweet is from the State.

This is yet another Karnataka connect to the historical Bhoomi Pooja of Shrirama Mandir in Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. The auspicious time and date for the Bhoomi Pooja was set by Karnataka's own Pandit N R Vijayendra Sharma of Belagavi.

It is Namma Karnataka Milk Federation's branded Nandini ghee that has been used to make 1.5 lakh laddus. In all, 20,000 kg of Nandini ghee has been sent to the trust of Hanuman temple which is making the laddus. The ghee is sent in 15kg tins by truck, said B C Satish, Managing Director of KMF.

Ayodhya is about 1,800km from Bengaluru. And how did Karnataka come into the picture? The Hanuman temple in Patna makes laddus and has been buying ghee from KMF for the past few years. Hanuman temple has another branch in Ayodhya which is making the laddus. And Sheshadri R, who is the manager of the temple, is from Chintamani of Chikkaballapura district. He used to work in Tirupathi earlier and was aware of Nandini ghee being used to make Tirupati laddus.

According to Sheshadri, around 1.5 lakh laddus are made by more than 60 people. The taste of laddus will be enhanced if KMF Nandini ghee is used as it is made out of cow's milk and not cream, he said.

KMF supplies 1,400 tonnes of Nandini ghee to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Board for six months to make the Tirupati laddu.

Security beefed up in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: The city police have beefed up security across the city, in view of the ground-breaking ceremony for the Ram temple in Ayodhya on Wednesday. City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant said the entire strength of the city police will be deployed on the day. "No public meetings or events will be allowed as per the Centre's norms," State home minister Basavaraj Bommai said.

Special puja to be held in temples across K'taka today

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TEMPLES across Karnataka will perform special pujas on Wednesday, coinciding with the Ram Temple bhoomi puja in Ayodhya.

A circular issued by the Endowment department on Tuesday stated that directions to perform special puja and prayers for completion of Ram Temple work and the well-being of people, was issued on the instructions of Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and Muzrai and Religious Endowment Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary. The CM, who tested positive for Covid-19, is undergoing treatment in a private hospital in Bengaluru.

All temples administered by the Endowment department, and other temples in the State have been asked to perform special puja and prayers by following the guidelines issued to contain the spread of Covid-19.

Meanwhile, the BJP state unit asked party members not to take out processions or burst crackers to celebrate the event. Party state unit president Nalin Kumar Kateel said people can watch the bhoomi puja at Ayodhya from 8 am to 12 noon on social media platforms.

11 bizmen in CID net for committing bank fraud

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THE CID officials on Tuesday conducted raids on a few businessmen who had allegedly used fake documents to avail of loans from Sri Guru Raghavendra Cooperative Bank.

Vasudev Maiya, former CEO of the bank, recently committed suicide by consuming poison in his car. The Karnataka High Court had handed over the case to CID and it is the first raid they conducted in this connection. Police said CID sleuths searched 15 houses in Shivajinagar, Sadashivanagar, Ulsoor, Rajajinagar and Jayanagar and arrested 11 businessmen. The bank was involved in a multi-crore scam in which the staffers are said to have given loans to people by taking kickbacks. Officials raided the bank, residences and offices of the staffers.

"The accused are in three-day police custody. Maiya had mentioned the names of the accused in his suicide death note," police said.

CRIME PATROL

History-sheeter found murdered

Bengaluru: A 20-year-old history-sheeter was hacked to death at Byrathi Bande near Kothanur on Monday. The deceased, Suresh C, is a resident of Kaval Byrasandra. Passersby noticed the incident and alerted police. His friends-turned-rivals Dhanush and Akash are suspected to be behind his murder. Suresh was accused in a murder case registered at DJ Halli police station. **ENS**

Gang of four hacks auto driver to death

Bengaluru: A gang of four miscreants attacked and killed a 27-year-old auto driver near an auto stand at NS Palya, close to Mico Layout, recently. A police officer said the deceased, Mani S, was a resident of JD Mara. The incident took place around 8.30 pm. According to police, the gang came on bikes and hacked Mani to death with machetes and fled. Mani succumbed to his injuries on the spot. **ENS**

20 foreigners held for staying illegally

Bengaluru: CCB sleuths on Monday conducted raids amd booked 20 African nationals for staying illegally. They were residing in the East and North East division limits and the CCB has seized fake currency, from them. Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said the raids were conducted based on complaints that foreign nationals were overstaying in Hennur, Bagalur, Kothanur. **ENS**

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SHUT-START-SHUT LOCKDOWN REGIME IS TAKING A HEAVY TOLL

The shut-start-shut mode of administration is having a disastrous impact on the country's economy. As a second wave of pandemic is hitting the southern and eastern states, panicky state governments have been imposing local lockdowns in Covid-hit regions. This is not only becoming a speed breaker as companies struggle to crank up production, it is actually killing whatever green shoots of revival we saw in recent weeks. Data released by IHS Markit, a respected analytics firm, shows that manufacturing output in July contracted faster than in June. In particular, the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for manufacturing declined in July marginally to 46 compared to June's 47.2. The below-50 figure indicates a contraction, while a score above 50 is a signal of expansion of the sector.

After the nationwide lockdown imposed from March 25 began to be eased from May onwards, regions and cities that had been relatively free of the novel coronavirus or had battled it well saw a sudden spurt in Covid-19 cases. Instead of testing and isolating hotspots, many state governments, in knee-jerk reactions, imposed severe lockdowns, once again stopping movement of men and material and paralysing industries that had begun to open up. As an example of the nine-pin effect, the Indian Oil Corporation, which had increased its capacity utilisation to 93% of its pre-pandemic level by the first week of July, said utilisation again fell to 75% after many state governments reimposed curbs.

Even Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is now resigned to what she calls "a situation full of uncertainty". But governments must end this 'start-shut' regime as repeated shutdowns are a huge blow for both mobilisation and confidence. For manufacturing units, recovering from a second shutdown is very difficult, and in some cases it is ringing the death knell of vulnerable industries struggling to generate orders. A more viable approach will be to ring-fence only the hotspots rather than close entire states or cities. After all, the virus is not going to disappear soon, and we need to devise the best strategy to live with it without too much damage.

CHURNING IN TN AHEAD OF POLLS

The world may be in the midst of a pandemic, but the political show must go on. With state Assembly elections scheduled for next year in Tamil Nadu, the churning has begun. Despite the noise generated by smaller parties (and in TN, this includes the BJP), the contest itself is expected to be between the ruling AIADMK and the opposition DMK. The AIADMK is allied with the saffron party, which was seen as a liability in the 2019 parliamentary elections. The DMK, which has been out of power for two consecutive terms, hopes for a breakthrough. Interestingly, the AIADMK has started overtly distancing itself from the BJP, taking swift action against right-wing figures—a 21-year-old was booked under the NSA for splashing saffron paint on a Periyar statue. The party has also slammed alleged attempts to 'saffronise' its icons, late CMs M G Ramachandran and C N Annadurai. The AIADMK was also among those who moved the courts seeking OBC reservation be implemented in the all-India quota for medical admissions. Further, on Monday, CM Edappadi K Palaniswami reiterated the party's commitment to the two-language formula and showcased his Dravidian credentials, describing the National Education Policy as "disappointing".

Meanwhile, members of other parties, including the BJP, have been flocking to the DMK in recent months, an indication of which way opportunistic politicos believe the wind will blow next year. But the opposition party has problems of its own. Recently, former deputy House Speaker V P Duraisamy left the DMK for the saffron party. More embarrassingly, on Tuesday, a sitting MLA, representing a constituency from which party chief M K Stalin was elected four times, was said to be switching to the BJP. The MLA denied it but his speech after meeting BJP leaders in Delhi suggested something was amiss. More high-profile departures may follow, suggesting the DMK's internal politics may prove stumbling blocks to success. Clearly, ideology is not enough. Still, though the BJP has directly and indirectly tried to force a debate between Hindu identity and Dravidian ideology in the state, the key contenders have only sought to reaffirm their social justice roots, indicating a belief that the BJP's time in TN has yet to come.

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A YEAR ON, THE STRATEGIC IMPACT OF ART 370 DECISION

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AMIT BANDRE

On 5 August 2019, the Indian government took two momentous decisions. The long-standing Constitutional provisions providing exclusivity to the state of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) within the Union of India were diluted and the state was divided into two administrative units as Union Territories (UTs) of J&K and Ladakh. The decisions were expected to produce considerable turbulence in J&K, but precautions taken well in time prevented that. A proactive diplomatic campaign succeeded in neutralising Pakistan's attempts to internationalise the issue. Its narratives allege that India's unilateral decisions to fully integrate J&K are illegal in light of the UN Resolutions of 1948. It continues to follow this line and is unlikely to accept the new status quo.

On the first anniversary of the bold decisions, J&K is largely quiet, stable and progressively improving in governance. The socio-economic environment has had a raft of measures undertaken by the Central and UT governments. Although there can never be a reversal of the decision, nothing should be taken for granted; lasting peace and tranquility requires more than just peripheral stability. After all, 30 years of sponsored instability has certain roots that cannot be removed in a year. India's geostrategic location, the neighbourhood it exists in, its demographic divide and, more than anything else, the strategic confidence it has undoubtedly gained through these decisions, all open up a Pandora's box of threats. An assessment of these in the strategic and, to an extent, operational domain is thus necessary.

At the time when the Armed Forces Special Powers Act was under review in 2011, I had asked a question of those who were hankering for its removal. I inquired whether the removal was being sought on the grounds that Pakistan had withdrawn its claims to J&K, the 42 terror bases in PoK had been dismantled, the attempts at infiltration had stopped and the over ground worker (OGW) networks had all been neutralised. Since none could allude to anything positive on this, I expressed my reservations on any review of AFSPA because a bounce back by inimical elements was inevitable given the existence of all the enablers that existed with the proxy campaign. The situation is similar today, except that there has been a strong political initiative. Every step will be taken by those opposed to it to ensure that India does not succeed in converting the initiative into fully integrating J&K with India. Many of the assets that the adversaries had in support remain in place, awaiting rekindling with the larger understanding that J&K is all about three-year cycles of the positive and the negative.

The deep divide between the Jammu and Kashmir regions and the longstanding trust deficit facilitates anti-nationalism in Kashmir. All the good governance and redressing of grievances cannot overcome the suspicion that exists, with no attempt at overcoming this. Political competitiveness between the two regions will ensure sufficient fodder for Pakistan and the separatists unless immediate measures are undertaken to rapidly neutralise the negativity. The very sensible decision to keep the two regions as a single administrative unit is reflective of good strategic thinking but that needs to be taken ahead now.

The common belief among the public in the rest of India is that J&K's only threats are Pakistan-sponsored terrorists and separatists; neutralise them and the game is over for Pakistan and its radical cohorts in J&K. This could not be further from the truth. Deeply entrenched in J&K is an 'ecosystem' for the existence of those who promote the idea of *Azaadi* (Independence) to eventually integrate J&K with Pakistan. It's a well-networked mesh of financiers, business people, media, lawyers, bureaucrats, civil society members, religious leaders and politicians; one could add people from a couple more domains, all linked in different ways with Pakistan and long-term separatism. They remain within an obfuscated environment where it isn't easy to peg anything against them. It needs a campaign to unravel all this and neutralise the Pakistani deep state's even deeper networks in J&K. To the credit of the NDA government, the realisation towards the necessity of neutralising these OGW networks dawned in 2016, perhaps for the first time, and the campaign to root out the anti-nationals began. It is a long process that has partially succeeded, but much more needs to be done. It has put Pakistan on the back foot. With networks in disarray, infiltration and fresh recruitment along with availability of leadership almost non-existent, Pakistan is likely to focus on the external domain to keep the tensions alive and prevent normality. When the internal enablers weaken, the external ones are exploited to rekindle them.

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India's diplomatic efforts have paid dividends in terms of general acceptance by different segments of the international community that the 5 August 2019 decision was India's internal affair, but there is nothing permanent about it. The Covid-19 pandemic has created an environment in which fresh ways of garnering strategic advantage are being sought by different players. Pakistan's best bets lie in being a part of the emerging China-Russia-Iran-Turkey equation. Manifest in this is its intent to play close to China to offset India's strategic confidence about reintegrating Gilgit-Baltistan and PoK with J&K. It is a situation that probably has China as worried as Pakistan, particularly about the flagship China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Ladakh's current Sino-India standoff has its linkages to the strategic confidence being exuded by India after the August 5 decisions. China too would not be comfortable with J&K's eventual internal stabilisation promised by the political initiatives. Its strategy to keep India rooted to the land borders in hotspots of turbulence in order to avoid a rise in its maritime capability is not served by the return of order and stability to J&K. Strangely, it could be China which may need Pakistan as much as the other way around; balanced mutuality of interests appear to have come to a head. In light of the turn of events, Pakistan is likely to make fresh efforts in the Islamic world to neutralise some of India's gains; the China-Iran opening may offer yet unknown opportunities. India will need to maintain agility in foreign affairs and security of the LoC and LAC besides ensuring internal security. The reduction of grievances of both segments of Jammu and Kashmir and of the new administrative unit of Ladakh needs higher priority if lasting peace is to be achieved. The first anniversary of the constitutional and administrative decisions is a good time to look at the challenging times ahead.

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POLITICS IS A LUXURY DURING THE PANDEMIC

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After the serial declaration of the ₹21 lakh crore stimulus package two months ago and the subsequent announcement of free ration, complacency seems to have seized the Centre based on the assumption that economic revival is now on autopilot. It is getting on with its business as usual with major announcements like the National Education Policy, new guidelines for Environment Impact Assessment, massive revision of labour laws, disinvestment proposals and several trade-related decisions. Of course, the government cannot close shop and wait till the novel coronavirus is tamed. However, as the government is back to business, there will naturally be criticism and divergent political responses over decisions. The national atmosphere has gone back to the usual slinging match between the ruling party and opposition. The tone of social media messages and public statements are as acerbic as usual. Except for large gatherings prevented by physical distancing and Covid-induced restrictions, politics is back on the national scene in its usual 'we' versus 'they' format.

The government conveys the unmistakable impression that it really doesn't care about alternative views on major issues affecting the nation's destiny. The dilution of the provisions of the EIA and the far-reaching NEP, which have been approved without adequate parliamentary debates, speak of an inexplicable urgency as well as a casualness about discussions in the House. What is being attempted here is not a critique of the several decisions that the government has pushed through without Parliament's scrutiny but the inadequate appreciation of the ground realities of a Covid-battered society and economy. With no clear end in sight as to how the pandemic will play out, we, like several countries, are still in the tunnel, confronting the unstoppable spread of the virus.

The government's role in containing this virulence may be limited. But the government can and should act over the socio-economic devastation due to the pandemic. It would be naïve to assume that the packages announced are already 'stimulating' the economy. Nothing can be farther from reality. The economic well-being of the vulnerable sections has only declined further in the last two months. Jobs are being lost perhaps faster than the spread of the virus. Cash reserves and social capital among the urban poor are completely depleted with economic activity yet to normalise. Though large regions of the country have been unlocked, consumer behaviour has not regained the earlier buoyancy owing to uncertainties that have embraced all spheres of life. The reverse migration of the workforce to rural areas has worsened the distress of the farm sector. There is not even one sector of the economy that has not been ravaged by the pandemic.

Economic revival is not yet in sight (The economy doesn't oblige statements made to the contrary). The economic health of society is set to further deteriorate in the coming months. Even if a vaccine hits the market early next year, it will take at least one year for a sizeable number of the 1.4 billion population to be vaccinated. Do our people have the economic resilience to survive that far? It needs to be realised that unless the novel coronavirus is checkmated and the incidence of infection trickles down to almost zero, life will not return to its original and familiar pace and confidence. Unless all the sectors of the economy taste this freedom, life will continue to be circumscribed, debilitated and minimal. A society that believes in minimal spending and borders on subsistence cannot vitalise an economy.

A divided polity as we witness today is not the answer. Political differences can wait but not the crisis of subsistence. It will be a negligence of lethal consequences if we fail to recognise the crying need for continued handholding of society

However, the unwholesome national rhetoric refuses to recognise the self-evident fact that Covid-19 is the single major calamity we have faced after the trauma of Partition. The consequences are all-pervasive, overwhelming, deeper, inter-related and unprecedented. Any amount of make-believe grandstanding and statistical jugglery cannot invalidate this hard truth. The real dimensions of human misery are yet to fully unfold. And the tragic fact is that we as a nation are ill-prepared to meet this situation, offer succour to the most vulnerable sections and harness national energy to respond with compassion, concern and confidence.

A divided polity as we witness today is not the answer. Our national leadership should show statesmanship and rise to shoulder the responsibility history has entrusted upon it. Leadership has to look beyond petty politics, bury the differences and make all responsible political players participants in a formalised national consensus to steer the economy and protect the vulnerable. Political differences can wait but not the crisis of subsistence. It will be a negligence of lethal consequences if we fail to recognise the crying need for continued handholding of society. The crisis calls for innovative thinking, fearless and uncompromising execution of government schemes. These unusually demanding times—we are still in uncharted waters—make adversarial politics as usual a great luxury. The government should have the patience to keep aside controversial and contentious ideas and policies for normal times. It is a historical imperative that a national consensus is worked out to navigate our way out of this most unnatural and unprecedented national crisis of multiple dimensions.

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Meaningful suggestions

This is with reference to *Lessons from the mistakes of Naidu for Jagan* (Aug 4). The article is educational. The current Andhra CM has been politely cautioned. Such meaningful suggestions are rare these days as extreme criticism has become the order of the day.

K C Raghunatha Reddy, Hindupur

Naidu's megalomania

The article has boldly exposed the megalomania and publicity stunts of former Andhra CM N Chandrababu Naidu. As the author says, the current CM should guard himself against the temptation of unduly centralising development. He should also take care and avoid being seen as promoting a particular religion.

U Atreya Sarma, Hyderabad

Fresh polls during crisis?

The Telugu Desam chief has dared Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy to dissolve the Andhra Pradesh Assembly and go to polls over the three-capitals issue. The people have elected the YSR Congress to serve the state for five years. Conducting another election is a huge process and is certainly not possible at this time of crisis. Naidu can approach the courts if needed, not demand fresh polls.

D Ravikumar, Visakhapatnam

Not learning from blunders

The column was incisive. Politicians create a euphoric dream world for themselves and hence do not learn from their blunders.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Mega city needed

While there are negative aspects and sinister political intentions associated with the Amaravati project, the longing for a mega city among the people of Andhra can't be dismissed. The state has great potential to make quick gains in the service and knowledge sectors. In the contemporary world, mega cities are critical for these sectors because of the synergy they need from different areas of the economy.

Venkat Naidu, Narsapur

Article well written

The column is very well written. Despite the criticism, the author has been very generous to former Andhra Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

T Hanuman Chowdary, Secunderabad

Will improve harmony

This is with reference to *Ayodhya: Three-day puja begins* (Aug 4). The exemplary decision of Iqbal Ansari, one of the main litigants in the case, to attend the foundation ceremony of the Ayodhya temple is symbolic of Indian culture. This will go a long way in cementing the harmony between communities.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Learning from Kerala

The article *Kerala's Church: But where has the message gone?* (Aug 3) shows that the environment in Kerala is such that healthy discussions about religion are possible. There is space to discuss the pros and cons of religious institutions and their actions.

I Ilangovan, Thiruvarur

Drift towards materialism

The article is timely as it comes at a time when the Church is under the scanner over various allegations like sex abuse, nasty land deals, etc. The Church has helped the state become one of the best in the field of education, but its drift towards the materialistic world has proven suicidal.

Bijumon P N, Idukki

Help them with school fees

It is alarming to note that the dropout rate this year is going to rise significantly as many parents belonging to the weaker sections have lost their livelihoods due to Covid. (*No fee money, more dropouts soon*, Aug 4). It is the responsibility of the government to come to their rescue.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
Congratulations to all bright youngsters who have cleared. An exciting career of public service awaits you.

Rahul Gandhi @rahul gandhi
People's trust in the economy has evaporated. PM & his team don't have understanding or ability to fix the problem.

Aaditya Thackeray @AUThackeray
This is dirty politics but I am keeping my calm. Some people have started politicizing SSR case.

China urges India to avoid 'politicisation' of cooperation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

A day ahead of India commencing a review of local Confucius institute and agreements with Chinese universities, Beijing on Tuesday urged New Delhi to treat India-China higher education in an 'objective and fair manner'

In a statement, the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi urged India to avoid 'politicisation of normal cooperation' between the two countries and maintain people to people exchanges.

The Centre had decided to review the institutes after security concerns were raised by intelligence agencies over them following a violent standoff between Indian and Chinese troops along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh on June 15 resulting in the death of 20 Indian soldiers.

The intelligence agencies also pointed out that many universities had proceeded to sign pacts with Chinese institutes without approval from the Centre.

Institutes to be reviewed

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The Confucius Institutes are directly funded by the Ministry of Education of China with the ostensible aim to promote Chinese language and Culture but have been in the line of fire in many parts of the world for spreading Chinese propaganda.

The review ordered by the Centre is to be conducted by the UGC and the education ministry, is scheduled to take up the 54 memoranda of understanding signed by central universities and institutions with Chinese universities.

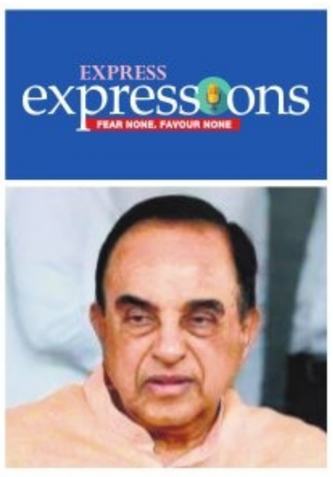
'Ram Rajya means implementation of statute'

AS the foundation stone for the Ram Mandir is laid, Ram Rajya for BJP MP and economist ***Subramanian Swamy****, implies the 'implementation of the Indian Constitution', in a nutshell. His remarks came during a conversation with* ***Prabhu Chawla****, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express, on TNIE's Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter. Other participants were Prof Kapil Kapoor, Chairman, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies and Dr Kuldeep Ratnoo, Director, India Policy Foundation.*

Upon being asked if the people who wrote the Constitution were 'Ram Bhakts', Swamy responded vehemently, "Absolutely, Ambedkar was one of the finest. Nehru made him bitter and towards the end of his life he became very harsh. But if you see his seminar papers at Columbia University in 1915 and subsequently in his books, he is perhaps the most articulate spokesman for Hindutva I can think of. I have read every one of those books and that's why I revere him."

When Prabhu Chawla asked if he had been invited to the laying of the foundation stone at Ayodhya, he said, "No." He explained, "If I would have come there, all the sadhus would have got up and cheered me and that would have had a bad effect on those on the stage," said Swamy. PM Narendra Modi is set to preside over *bhoomi pujan* on Wednesday.

When asked about whether the invite should have been extended across party lines in a bid to end the politics around Ram, Swamy said, "Anti-Ram sections have been in power for all these years and now they have lost due to Ram. The present generation of Congress leaders don't understand that it was begun by Rajiv Gandhi when he showed the Ramayan serial on Doordarshan against the total objection of his party. I was there, I was his good friend and I knew how much



difficulty he had. And he allowed the VHP to plant their foundation and gave a promise that if he came back to power he would rebuild temple." He added contritely, "There was no politics of Ram, ever. We just wanted the temple built."

Sanskrit, Hindi and the three language policy in the National Education Policy have firmly been in the spotlight for the last week. But all of this pointed to a crisis in identity, said the author and economist. "We must learn what our true identity is. Based on DNA studies we are all one people, regardless of what caste we belong to, which region, which religion...there is no Aryan-Dravidian theory. Every Indian language has a huge proportion of Sanskrit in it, including Tamil, which has 40% of Sanskrit, Bengali has even more, Malayalam has much more. Every language has Sanskrit vocabulary. Over a period of time if Hindi becomes more and more Sanskritised, as is required under the Constitution, please read Article 351 which says that the vocabulary of Hindi shall principally be from the Sanskrit language. We must develop it to the point where Hindi and Sanskrit are indistinguishable."

As the conversation turned to how India could make Hindusim and the history of Ram more palatable for the youth, Prof Kapoor listed a few ideals that the scriptures have always expounded, "A major component of maryada is self-resistance. My mother used to tell me If I was hungry to eat two rotis, eat just one. And that is an example of maryada. The second thing is niyam. There are two ways to do something, either you can be polite or you can ask the same thing rudely. Niyam is not the law but the preferred way of doing something."

Responding to a question by Kuldeep Ratnoo, Swamy said, "Youngsters often ask me what is the significance of Ram for the country. Ram had a nationalistic outlook and often said that there cannot be a greater country than your motherland. There is an enormous campaign going on in the Western world to interpret Ram and Ramayana and the Mahabharatha in the most derogatory and vulgar terms and we must educate our young people in modern terminology what Ram represented."

Temple will be symbol of harmony, says Advani

BJP veteran LK Advani, who will be attending Ayodhya's Ram Mandir bhoomi pujan virtually, said that the long wait was worthwhile

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A day before the *bhoomi pujan* at Ayodhya, BJP veteran L K Advani in a statement said that he hoped the temple would represent India as a strong, prosperous, peaceful and harmonious nation with justice for all and exclusion of none.

"Sometimes significant dreams in one's life take a long time to fruition, but when they are finally realised, the wait becomes very worthwhile," said Advani, who will not be attending the bhoomi pujan of Ram temple at Ayodhya on Wednesday, in a statement.

Advani said that "one such dream, close to my heart is now getting fulfilled." "Prime Minister Narendra Modi is laying the foundation for the construction of Shri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, the birthplace of Shri Ram. It is indeed a historical and emotional day not only for me, but for all Indians. A grand Mandir for Shri Ram at Ram Janmabhoomi has been a desire and mission for the Bharatiya Janata Party," he noted in the statement.

The BJP veteran recalled his leading the Ramjanmabhoomi movement in early 1990s. "I feel humbled that during the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, destiny made me perform a pivotal duty in the form of the Ram Rath Yatra from Somnath to Ayodhya in 1990, which helped galvanise aspirations, energies and passions of its countless participants," Advani stated.

Advani along with the leaders of Ramjanmabhoomi movement, including Murli Manohar Joshi, Uma Bharti, Kalyan Singh, Vinay Katiyar, would be missing the ceremony.

The famous Hanumangarhi Temple is decorated ahead of the bhoomi pujan ceremony of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. (Right) Aerial view of the proposed model of Ram Janmbhoomi Mandir | PTI

BJP set for a rebirth post Ayodhya 'bhoomi pujan'

NAMITA BAJPAI & MANISH ANAND @Ayodhya/ New Delhi

> **The saffron brigade would now re-model its discourse over nationalism, making the temple its supreme symbol**
> Prof AK Mishra, political scientist

WHEN the *bhoomi pujan* takes place in Ayodhya for the grand Ram temple on Wednesday, it would mark an end to one genre of politics and the beginning of another.

The histrionic movement for "liberating Lord Ram" that began with a two-MP party in 1984 ends with the BJP emerging as the world's largest political outfit in 2020. It is now set to be followed by the BJP's quest for Hindutva immunity against economic hardships eroding the halo of invincibility around Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Winning Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections in 2022 is seen as a key to the success in 2024 Lok Sabha elections. By then, though, the temple would only be a prefacing prelude to a series of trumpeted successes.

Party leaders are reportedly ensuring at least one LED TV panel in each Assembly constituency in many states to enable people to watch the live telecast of the event in Ayodhya. The planned outreach for each stage of the construction of the temple is being seen as a clear roadmap to stay in the limelight. Political observers feel that now the saffron brigade will re-orient its strategy to keep the issue alive with a different flavour. "The saffron brigade would now re-model its discourse over nationalism, making the temple its supreme symbol," says Prof AK Mishra, a political scientist.

By 2022 when the temple may see taking substantive shape, the BJP will be defending turfs in Bihar, UP, Gujarat, Assam, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh, besides taking a shot at wresting power in Bengal.

Visible economic hardships have affected mostly the middle class, which in the last two Lok Sabha elections had been the key support base for the BJP, may take the shine away from the Ayodhya-centric euphoria. While the interests of the poor constituency have been sought to be protected with a strong dose of 'welfarism', the middle class, termed aspirational, is seen within the saffron outfit as going mute in expressing support for the party.

The party has always tried to link the temple issue with a strong nationalistic Hindutva outlook.

'Let this celebration be of national unity'

NEW DELHI: CONGRESS east UP in-charge Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday hoped that the *bhoomi pujan* becomes a celebration of national unity. Many other party leaders have welcomed it overwhelmingly with Congress leader Kamal Nath even sending silver bricks for construction.

"Lord Ram is the good and well being of all. This is why Lord Ram is the epitome of principled conduct and righteousness. Let Lord Ram shower his blessing so that this function becomes a celebration of National unity, fraternity and cultural affinity," Priyanka said in a statement. *ENS*

2 freed Indians return from Afghanistan

NEW DELHI: TWO Indian nationals, who were released by their captors in Afghanistan on July 31, returned to India on Tuesday.

The duo was a part of a group of seven Indian nationals who were abducted by the Taliban in Baghlan province. "Two Indian nationals, who were released from captivity in Afghanistan on 31 July 2020, returned to India today. It would be recalled that seven Indian nationals were kidnapped in Afghanistan in May 2018, including the two who returned today. Six Indian nationals have now been released so far from captivity," the ministry of external affairs said in a statement.

Seven Indians, working for Maharashtra-based KEC International Limited were abducted by the Taliban.

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BHUSHAN CASE

SC: Thin line between free speech, contempt

NEW DELHI: ORDER has been reserved in a contempt case against lawyer activist Prashant Bhushan, which was heard by the Supreme Court today.

The top court, which is also hearing another contempt petition against the activist for his comments against the judges of the top court, said, "There is a line between free speech and contempt... There is freedom of speech and expression and then contempt".

Later in the day, in a statement issued, Bhushan said, "In my interview to Tehelka in 2009, I have used the word corruption in a wide sense meaning lack of propriety. I did not mean only financial corruption or deriving any pecuniary advantage."

He asserted that he "regrets the same", if his remarks "caused hurt to any of them or to their families in any way". ENS

Two vaccine candidates enter 2nd phase of trial

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE ICMR on Tuesday announced that two home-grown Covid vaccine candidates have completed phase 1 clinical trial now but researchers associated with one potential vaccine told this newspaper that the study is still underway. It could be nearly a month before the vaccine trial could enter phase 2, they told this newspaper.

"At present, we have 3 vaccines in India which are in different phases of clinical testing," said ICMR director general Dr Balram Bhargava in a press conference on Tuesday.

"The 2 vaccines- Bharat Biotech vaccine & DNA vaccine of Zydus Cadila have completed phase 1 and have embarked on phase 2 while the third is Oxford (University) vaccine."

Dr Bhargava had drawn massive criticism for shooting a stern letter to the principal investigators at the institutions selected for Covaxin trial, asking them to fast-track the process so that it can be launched for public use by August 15.

"The vaccine has to be given in two doses at a gap of 2 weeks and after 28 days the blood samples of the volunteers is to be evaluated mainly to assess for safety and to also see if its generating immunogenic response," said Dr Prabhakar Reddy, the PI for the trial at the Nizam's institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad.

"However, we have given just the first dose yet and it will take some time to complete the interim analysis," he said.

Dr Sanjay Rai, PI for the trial at AIIMS, Delhi, "We can move to phase 2 once the blood samples from the volunteers—2 weeks after they have received the second dose—are thoroughly evaluated for crucial health parameters."

Meanwhile phase 2 and 3 trials for vaccine candidates by Oxford University, for which Serum Institute of India, is a manufacturing partner will be conducted across 17 sites in the country, said Dr Bhargava in the press briefing.

Antigen tests comprise 30% of total tests

NEW DELHI: RAPID antigen tests comprise nearly 25-30% of total Covid-19 tests in the country, the Centre has revealed amid concerns that the growing proportion of these tests may be leading to missing out of a large number of asymptomatic cases.

On Monday, a record 6.6 L tests were conducted across states to detect fresh cases-taking the total number of tests past the 2-crore mark.

Dr Balram Bhargava, director general of the Indian Council of Medical Research, in a press conference said that initially, RAT consisted of only 5-6% of the total tests being conducted in a day, but this proportion has been growing.

After first approving these testing kits in mid-June, the ICMR had recommended that RTPCR test should now be carried in those with clear symptoms who test negative through a rapid antigen test. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

Oil Minister tests +ve, admitted

New Delhi: Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday tested positive for coronavirus and has been admitted to Medanta Hospital. Pradhan, 51, had developed Covid-like symptoms on Monday and was tested on Tuesday. "After seeing symptoms of Covid-19, I got tested. The report has come positive," he tweeted. "On the advice of doctors, I have been admitted to hospital and I am healthy." Sources said Pradhan had last week met Home Minister Amit Shah, who was also admitted to Medanta after testing positive.

Jadhav: Pak appoints 3 amici curiae

New Delhi: A Pakistani court on Tuesday named three senior lawyers as amici curiae in former Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav's case. The naming is in accordance to the Islamabad High Court's order which directed the Pakistan government to give India another chance to appoint a lawyer for Jadhav. The court was hearing a plea filed by the Pakistan Justice and Law Ministry seeking an appointment of a lawyer for the former Indian Navy officer. Jadhav was arrested in 2017 on charges of espionage.

A first: Army deploys women soldiers near LoC

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

FULFILLING a long withstanding, the Army deployed women soldiers along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir for the very first time.

An Army officer confirming the news said, "Army moved in two sections of female soldiers of the Assam Rifles in the month of May. The deployment is at two different locations with a section each at one place. A section in the Army is of 10 soldiers. These are under the charge of a female officer of the Army."

"Army had a long standing demand of the female soldiers for security duties where gender sensitivities are involved." added the officer. The locations are in the areas like Tangdhar, Uri, Keran where women can be frisked whenever necessitated.

These women soldiers in north Kashmir near the LoC will be assigned duties like security duties, sentry, manning check posts, frisking and guard duty.

Although Army has recruited the first batch of 99 women trainees in the rank in January 2020 but they are to undergo 61 weeks of training which will include the basic military training and advanced provost training.

Meanwhile, the Army has kickstarted the process to grant Permanent Commission to eligible women officers, nearly two weeks after the defence ministry approved the proposal.

Officials said the Army headquarters has invited applications by August 31 for grant of Permanent Commission (PC) to women officers recruited under Women Special Entry Scheme (WSES) and Short Service Commission (SSC). The officials said women officers who have joined the Army through the WSES and SSC are being considered for grant of the PC.

CASE TRANSFERRED

The Special Operations Group of Rajasthan police, probing into the cases of alleged horse-trading of the Congress MLAs, transferred the investigation to the Anti-Corruption Bureau saying that no case of sedition is made out

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(Top) Sea waves crash ashore during high tide and heavy rain at Marine Drive; (Below) A scooter is stuck in a waterlogged street at Sion | PTI

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rainfall at Vidyavihar

LIFE CHANGED IN ONE FELL SWOOP

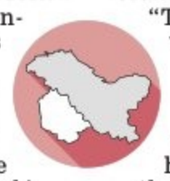
FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

IN hope-versus-despair, the journey down the road for small houseboat owners and vendors in Kashmir seems a never-ending struggle for survival. And it all happened so abruptly post August 5 last year — when the Centre removed the special status to J&K under Article 370 – that many people now think their economic deprivation is beyond redemption.

There is no tourism — which once accounted for about 7% of the state's GDP — and transport has come to a grinding halt due to lockdowns post Covid-19.

Kashmir House Boat Owners Association general secretary Abdul Rashid says more than a dozen owners have sold their houseboats since August 5 last year because they simply can't afford to keep their business afloat.

All Kashmir Transporters Welfare Association Shabir Ahmad Matt said about 75,000 passenger vehicles plied in the Valley and all are now grounded since Aug 5 last year. He said around 1.50 lakh families depended on the transport sector. "Most drivers and conductors are now jobless and without money."



Fayaz Ahmad Sheikh, now reduced to a menial labourer, would tell you how the once owner of 'Noah's Ark' houseboat has been driven to penury. "I earned around ₹4,000 per day during the tourism season," recalls Sheikh. His 'Noah's Ark' had two master-size bedrooms, master-size dining and a living room.

Then August 5 happened. His customers were reduced to a trickle and within weeks, he stopped getting anyone of them. Days turned into weeks and weeks into months, his hopes of seeing tourists return remained an empty dream.

Then came lockdown, and all his savings were gone. "I spent ₹70,000 on repairing the 'Noah's Ark'," said Sheikh.

"Things were becoming unmanageable…I had to support my sister, a younger brother and mother." Another tragedy lay in wait even as he worked as a labourer: the small houseboat in which the family lived collapsed due to snow. "I had to spend ₹50,000 to bring it out of water.

"Finally, I sold my houseboat in mid-March, twice as much cheaper," he said. His next recourse was joining a travel agency which paid him ₹10,000 per month.

Then came lockdown. "I lost my job as the owner closed the agency." Sheikh now does menial works and banks on the generosity of neighbours.

Take another instance: Mehraj Ahmad Bhat, from Barbarshah area of uptown Srinagar, was once a passenger bus driver. He is now a roadside tea vendor.

First the buses went off the road following Aug 5 events last year and then as things looked normal, the lockdown did him in. "A few months back, I started a roadside tea stall to earn some money. But I had to shut it as people are hesitant to purchase eatables from outside owing to Covid-19," said Bhat.

"I have no money to pay the school fee of my two kids."

He is being helped by his neighbours. "If they don't help us, we will starve to death."

Mumbai rains: Landslide on Western Exp Highway

Red alert in metropolis, Pune and Nashik for 2nd consecutive day

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MUMBAI and its suburbs received heavy rainfall on Tuesday that resulted in water-logging at several low-lying areas, house collapses and landslide on a crucial highway.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), meanwhile, issued a red alert for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Pune, Nashik and some other parts of Maharashtra for the second consecutive day on Wednesday. A casualty was reported in a house collapse.

A huge landslide brought tonnes of debris crashing down on the Western Express Highway at Malad, blocking south-bound road traffic. The Western Express Highway is a major north-south arterial road, stretching from Dahisar to suburban Bandra in Mumbai.

According to the IMD, Mumbai city received 21.41 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours, while it was 27.11 mm in eastern suburb and 26.03 mm in western suburb.

"Water-logging happened because there was a high tide in the sea," the BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said, issuing a warning to people not to venture out except for emergency and essential services.

Seven house collapse incidents were reported in western suburb, two in the city and one in eastern suburb. Heavy showers uprooted 100 trees across Mumbai.

Due to the heavy rainfall, western train services were interrupted in the morning while Harbour line services were completely stopped.

All lines services were later restored. The BEST bus services were diverted on 56 routes in the city and its suburbs due to waterlogging, the Corporation said.

The BMC issued advisories to all coastal security agencies and disaster management department for remaining alert to the evolving situation.

SUSHANT CASE

Nitish govt recommends CBI probe

PATNA/MUMBAI: Amid growing public and political demands by all political parties, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar recommended CBI probe into the Sushant Singh Rajput suicide case.

Sushant's father KK Singh requested Bihar DGP Gupteshwar Pandey for a CBI probe on Tuesday when the latter spoke to him. The DGP conveyed the request to the CM, who immediately directed officials to complete all procedures and move the recommendation to the central government.

"The state government has sent a recommendation to the CBI inquiry into the case of (late) Sushant Singh Rajput's death, lodged by KK Singh-father of Sushant Singh in Patna," Nitish tweeted.

The recommendation was made just a day before Rhea Chakraborty's petition seeking transfer of case from Bihar to Mumbai is slated to be heard in the Supreme Court. "I think that CBI probe will bring out the truth," Nitish said.

In Mumbai, the members of the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition demanded the probe of Justice Loya case and the Elgar Parishad case amid growing demand of handing over the case to the CBI. *ENS*

Farmer's son from Sonepat tops civil services exams

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

IRS officer Pradeep Singh (29) from Sonepat in Haryana has topped the Civil Services exam 2019. Singh topped the list of 829 successful candidates for various services, including the IAS, IPS, IFS among others.

A farmer's son, Singh, a 2019-batch Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Central Excise) officer, is a probationer at the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) in Faridabad. "It is a dream come true. I always wanted to be an IAS officer and would like to work for the deprived sections of society."

His emphasis would be on improving education and farm sectors. "I have opted for my home state Haryana. I am happy I will now get the chance to work for my state," said Singh, who had taken leave to prepare for the exam.

This was Singh's fourth attempt in the civil service exam — twice he could not clear, last time he got into IRS. "In the third attempt, I cleared and got the sixth rank".

Singh had at one stage thought of leaving the IRS, but his father persuaded him to continue. "It is very difficult to study while working because UPSC demands consistency and focus. At one time I thought I was dragging it. But my father motivated me to keep studying."

Pradeep Singh is offered sweets by his father-in-law in Sonepat | PTI

Singh's main focus was on finishing the syllabus, not on study hours. "This was because I was working. My family totally supported me. I'd like to give credit for my success to two of my friends who studied with me for the exams."

His father is a farmer, while mother a house-maker. His elder brother is into insurance and his younger sister is studying. Among others who cleared the exams from the region are: Dr Darpan Ahluwalia, an MBBS student from Rajindra Medical College, Patiala, (80th rank) and Muskhan Jindal of Baddi in Himachal Pradesh, (87th rank in her first attempt).

'Lost eyesight but not the vision of life'

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

VISUALLY impaired Jayant Mankale from Beed fought many odds throughout his life on his way to secure All India Rank (AIR) 143 in the civic service examinations.

Mankale, 27, studied mechanical engineering from Amrutvahini College of Engineering, Sangamner and even worked as a maintenance engineer in a private firm before cracking the UPSC exam. He lost his water pump operator father at the age of 10. His mother and two elder sisters took the responsibility of his education in Pune.

Mankale lost 75% of his vision after suffering retinitis pigmentosa, a rare genetic disorder that breaks down cells in the retina which leads to loss of vision, when he began to work.

But he never lost hope and continued to work with help from his teachers, and friends. The Mankales saw tough times — the pension was not sufficient to run the household. So, his mother sold homemade pickle, spices and food to support her son's education.

Mankale said he lost his eyesight but not the vision of his life. "When I was working with a private firm that, I lost 75% eyesight in 2015. At that point life was completely dark... My father was already not there. It became a huge task. But UPSC gave me the hope to live a new life and I am happy that I overcame all physical and financial odds in life to achieve the success," he said.

OTHER INDIA

25 yrs late: Remote Arunachal village on 2G map

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

TWENTY-FIVE years after the internet and mobile telephony reached India, a village in one of the eastern-most parts of the country entered the internet and mobile phone services map with the launch of 2G internet services in the Vijaynagar circle of Arunachal Pradesh on Monday.

The state-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited installed a mobile phone tower and a dish to receive and transmit signal. The state government and the IAF had to extend logistic support to the BSNL in transporting the equipment as the circle is not connected by road.

Called the "thumb of India," the village is located in a finger-like protrusion. It is surrounded on three sides by Myanmar and on one side by the Namdapha Tiger Reserve and is home to the Lisu tribe, whose population straddles the international border.

"The BSNL staff had to wait at Jorhat in Assam for nearly a month because of the Covid-19 pandemic to airlift the equipment to Vijaynagar. The work for the installation of tower was supervised by subdivisional engineer Karma Tsering," the BSNL said.

Changlang District Magistrate Devansh Yadav told this newspaper that the mobile and Internet services would do a world of good to the troops, the police and government officials. He said the first call was made by a police officer posted at the place. "Earlier, the Assam Rifles and government officials relied entirely on VSAT for communication."

As Vijaynagar has no electricity, the people depend on solar power. They will not have to depend on an external power source, the DM said.

He said the entire operation was carried out by the BSNL and the Arunachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency. The APEDA provided solar power and the BSNL installed the mobile tower.

A test check was done on July 31. Subsequently, solar panels were dispatched but the helicopter had to return due to poor weather. The IAF was scheduled to make another attempt on Tuesday. "Once the solar panels are installed, the unit will be sustainable. We will get normal mobile and Internet connectivity," the DM said.

Spread across 8,000 sq km, Vijaynagar was discovered in 1961 by the Assam Rifles during an expedition "Srijit II". It was carried out under the leadership of Maj Gen AS Guraya, the then Inspector General of the paramilitary force.

More Muslim candidates crack civil service exam

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE number of Muslim candidates clearing the prestigious UPSC examination has increased to 40 from 28 last year.

Other five religious minorities have also done better than last year, sources in the Union ministry of minority affairs said on Tuesday.

BJP leader and member of Central Wakf Council Haneef Ali, however, said 187 candidates from minority communities cleared the exam.

Safna Nazarudeen, who secured 45th rank, topped among Muslim candidates and is the only one from the community among the top 100.

In terms of percentage, Muslim candidates fared slightly better. Last year, Muslims constituted almost 4% of the total successful candidates. This year, it is about 5%.

Muslim candidates have been doing well in the prestigious exams since 2016. Prior to that, Muslim candidates were only 2.5% of the total successful candidates. Muslim candidates broke all previous records in 2016 when 50 of them cleared the UPSC, with 10 making it to the top 100. In the 2017 batch, too, 50 Muslims were selected through the exam.

PATNA DIARY

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Mobile Command Post facility at Patna Airport

Jai Prakash Narayan International Airport in Patna is now equipped with a Mobile Command Post to handle emergency situation. The Airport Authority of India commissioned a state of the art MCP facility recently in a vehicle outfitted with specialised equipment as an on-screen command, coordination and communication centre for emergencies. The MCP vehicle is equipped with the nigh-vision binocular of 120 meter range, four foldable stretches, 4 neomatic mast lights, the VHF wireless set dome-camera and many others. It has also sitting capacity for eight persons in centrally AC environment in case of emergency.

App 'Sanjivan' launched to inform people of Covid

Amidst the Covid epidemic outbreaks, the "Sanjivan" app was launched on Monday to alert the people about the infection. Principal health secretary Pratyay Amrit said that the app has all features to provide users information on how to avoid the infection, self-registration, availability of testing facilities and beds in hospitals, home isolation and other related issues. "The app has also a feature to information about Corona dedicated hospitals in addition to a chatting facility through which people can ask questions related to corona," Amrit said. The toll free number 102 can be dialled directly from this app and toll free number 104 for advice and consultation of doctors after downloading on the smart phone.

Rakhi: Nitish promotes greenery

Promoting human bonding with environment and trees, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar tied a 'raksha-sutra' with a tree at Patna on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Accompanied by his deputy Sushil Kumar Modi and officials, Nitish reached Vatika-II and tied the 'raksha sutra'. He also planted a sapling stating that everyone on this planet has right to save the Jal-Jeevan Haryaali. The chief minister has been regularly attending this programme to spread the message of afforestation in urban spaces. But, this year the event was a muted affair due to the pandemic.

Volunteers tie rakhis to Gandhi Setu

Volunteers, associated with the Gandhi Setu Bachao Abhiyan tied rakhis to the bridge that connects Patna with Hajipur on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Led by doctor-turned-social activist B Jha Mrinal, the volunteers said that the main objective of this programme was to express peaceful opposition to the government's direction to dismantle the eastern lane of the bridge. Besides Mrinal, other prominent citizens who tied rakhis included Avinash Bhardwaj, Prof. Satyendra Kumar, Dr. Veena Kumari Sinha, Kisalaya Kishore, Pankaj Singh, and RK Jha.

Massive explosion rips through Beirut

Port, buildings damaged; Officials label it accident

BEIRUT

A MASSIVE explosion rocked downtown Beirut on Tuesday, flattening much of the port, damaging buildings and blowing out windows and doors as a giant mushroom cloud rose above the capital.

Lebanese Red Cross official Georges Kettaneh said there were dead and wounded, but did not have an exact figure, just saying there were hundreds of casualties.

A civil defence official on the scene of the blast said his men had evacuated dozens to hospitals and that there were still bodies inside the port, many of them under debris.

The explosions may have been caused by explosive materials confiscated years ago and stored at the city's port, General Security chief Abbas Ibrahim said.

"It appears that there is a warehouse containing material that was confiscated years ago, and it appears that it was highly explosive material," the senior security official said, adding that an investigation would be launched into the explosions.

The explosions also come as Lebanon awaits a UN tribunal's verdict on Friday on the 2005 murder of former Lebanese premier Rafic Hariri, killed in a huge truck bomb attack.

Four alleged members of Hezbollah are on trial in absentia at a court in the Netherlands over the huge Beirut bombing that killed Sunni billionaire Hariri and 21 other people.

Tensions have also been high with neighbouring Israel, after Israel said it thwarted an infiltration attempt by up to five Hezbollah gunmen, a claim denied by the Lebanon-based and Iran-backed group. *AP/AFP*

Trump demands big slice from TikTok sale deal

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump has demanded that the US treasury should get a substantial chunk of the TikTok sale proceeds, as he set September 15 as the deadline for the popular Chinese short video app to be out of business in the country unless it is bought by an American company.

Trump was speaking to reporters at a White House news conference on Monday, hours after it announced the deadline for TikTok to stop operations in the US.

Technology giant Microsoft is in talks with TikTok's parent company ByteDance to buy its US operation. However, the President is in favour of a complete 100 per cent purchase and not the 30 per cent as reportedly being negotiated now.

"The United States should get a very large percentage of that price because we're making it possible. Without us, you know, I use the expression, it's like the landlord and the tenant. And without the lease, the tenant doesn't have the value," Trump said.

"Well, we're sort of in a certain way, the lease. We make it possible to have this great success. TikTok is a tremendous success. But a big portion of it in this country. It would come from the sale, yeah. Whatever the number is, it would come from the sale," he said.

Earlier in the day, Trump said that TikTok will close down on September 15, unless Microsoft or somebody else is able to buy it and work out an appropriate deal.

Trump lacks authority for this demand, critics said, adding that if carried out it would be bad for business and international relations.

"Those are the sort of mafia tactics you might see in Russia," said James Lewis, director of technology policy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"It's not a good policy practice. I don't think it's constitutional."

Bobby Chesney, a University of Texas law professor specialising in national security and constitutional issues, said Trump's suggestion "is grossly inappropriate and unbecoming, not to mention having no basis in law." *Agencies*

China accuses US of 'outright bullying'

BEIJING: China accused the US on Tuesday of "bullying" over popular video app TikTok, after President Donald Trump ramped up pressure for its US operations to be sold to an American company. "This goes against the principles of the market economy and the (World Trade Organization's) principles of openness, transparency and non-discrimination," said foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin. "It's outright bullying." He said the national security grounds for the US's clampdown on Chinese firms "does not hold water". *AFP*

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"APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of FinancialAssets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and the Borrower/ Mortgager/ Guarantor in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, **State Bank of India, Marathahalli Branch, Bangalore** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "**, **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on **20.08.2020** for recovery of **Rs.84,91,700/-** (Rupees Eighty Four Lakh Ninety One Thousand Seven Hundred Only) as on **17.06.2020** and further interest at contractual rate from **18.06.2020** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the Secured Creditor, **State Bank of India, Marathahalli Branch, Bangalore** from the Barrower **(1) Mrs.Manjula.R** W/o Mr.D.N.Manjunatha Prop: M/s Chandana Wood Styles, # 3677, Narayana Swamy Building, 3rd Division, 11th Ward, B .B. Road, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District- 562110. **Also at:** No-524, "Nandagokula", B B Road, Devanahalli-562110, Bangalore North District and **Guarantor (2) Mr. D. N. Manjunatha,** #3677, Narayana Swamy Building, 3rd Division, 11th Ward, B. B.Road, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District—562110. **Also at:** No-524, "Nandagokula", B B Road, Devanahalli-562110, Bangalore North District.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be as under:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES: 1. All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Municipal Katha Kaneshmari No: 253/253/254 situated at Devanahalli Town Bangalore Rural District Measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 76 feet in all measuring 3040 sq ft, standing in the name of Mr.D N Manjunath and bounded on: East by: Property belonging to R K Srinivasa, West by: Property belononging to Manjunath, North by: Property belonging to V Narayanaswamy, South by: Property belonging to Nakkala Munivenkatappa.

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Reserve Price: Rs.95,08,400/- **Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.9,50,840/-**

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2020.

For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the **Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Marathalli Branch during office hours, Phone No. 080-25400020 / 25401524 or Bank approved Resolution Agent, Sridevi Resolution pvt ltd, Bangalore Representative: Jagadeesh N 9902401486.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Marathahalli Branch, Bangalore i.e.www.sbi.co.in & www.tenders.gov.in & https://bankeauctions.com.

Date : 05.08.2020 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bengaluru State Bank of India Marathahalli Branch, Bengaluru.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
COIMBATORE (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE NO.11/2020-21/HDO, DT.31.07.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received **up to 24.08.2020, 15.00 hours by the** Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for **CRIDP 2020-21 Works, (Package No.25, 26, 27)** pertaining **Udhagai (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **07.08.2020.** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/2927/TENDER/2020 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H), C&M, COIMBATORE CIRCLE

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TIRUNELVELI (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.08/2020-21/HDO/ dated: 04.08.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **07.09.2020 at 14.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirunelveli Circle** for **CRIDP 2020-21 Works, (Package No.58)** pertaining **Thoothukudi (H) C&M Division.**

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DIPR/2928/TENDER/2020 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER(H), C&M, TIRUNELVELI CIRCLE

LOST

I, **ASHA.H.R.** aged about 28 years, W/o Sri Krishnachari Residing at Muthsandra Village, Via Varthur, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru-560 087. I, hereby declare that presently I am residing at the above mentioned address with my family. I, further declare that I have Lost my **Original Sale Deed Reg. Document No. SRJ-1-00878-2018/19, CD No. SRJD-258,** Registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Sarjapur, Dt. 28/05/2018. While Shifting our house. I Will trace the original if I will found surrender it to the conscerned department and I will not Misuse it at any manner. Hance I need this affidavit to forward it to the requesting the concerned authority for the issue of duplicate of the same. Vide affidavit Dated 04/08/2020 Before Notary Yankoba, Bengaluru.

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Advertisement No: 02/2020

Employment Notification for Non-Teaching Positions

Ref: CUO/Admn./Rect./NT/82 Date: 24.07.2020

Applications are invited in the prescribed Application Format from eligible Indian citizens for filling in various Non-Teaching positions on direct recruitment/deputation basis in Central University of Odisha.

Candidates are required to be familiar with university functioning and with basic knowledge of computer applications. Candidates possessing higher qualification and experience than prescribed for the post may be preferred.

Candidates are required to send their applications with all testimonials by Speed Post or Registered Post to reach The Registrar, Central University of Odisha, PO:NAD, Sunabeda, Dist.: Koraput – 763 004 on or before **31.08.2020**

For further details please log on to our website **www.cuo.ac.in**

Any addendum/corrigendum and further information shall be posted only on the University website.

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NO: ME/TENDER/97(B)/2019-20 Dt: 04.08.2020

SHORT TERM RE E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through E-Procurement Portal)

Short Term Re E-Tenders are invited for the **Supply and Installation of RT PCR** to the Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals through the E-Procurement Portal.

Tender Document, E.M.D and other details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the E-Procurement Portal. Interested tenderers have to register in the E-Procurement Portal, details of which can be viewed in the Website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Commencement date for uploading of tenders: Dt: 05.08.2020

Pre Bid Meeting: Dt: 07.08.2020 (11.00 AM)

Last date for uploading the tenders: Dt: 12.08.2020 before 5.00 PM

Date of opening of tenders (Technical Bid): Dt: 14.08.2020

For further details contact **Director of Medical Education, Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore - 560 009. Phone No: 080-22870060, 080-22287784 / 080-22873151 Extn: 305 / 207.**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Chief Manager & the Authorised officer of the **CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, Regional Office,** Bangalore, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **05.01.2019** calling upon the borrower **1)Mr.Venkatesh B S/o Muniyappa & 2) Mrs.Lakshmamma W/o Mr.Venkatesh B** both are residing at: No.158, Arekere, Arekere Village, Bangalore North, Pin-561203. hereinafter referred to as 'the borrowers' to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.23,92,928.00** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Eight Only) as on **05.01.2019** plus interest and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section 4 of Section 13 of the act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 on this **30th July 2020**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule property and any one dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, Hesarghatta Branch** for an amount **Rs.27,49,416.00** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Only) plus further interest and Charges thereon from **30.07.2020** less repayments made, if any.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section (13) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Schedule of Properties/ Secured Assets:

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing property No.150200202500900252 V.P No.242/220, Site No.93 within limits of Arakere Grama Panchayat, Arekere Village, Hesarghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring in total 1200 sqfts and bounded on: East: Road, West: Site No.108, North: Site No.92, South: Site No.94.

Date: 30.07.2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager**
Place : Bangalore **Central Bank of India**

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SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provisio to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is here by given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Karnataka Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor on **12.03.2020,** will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" on **16.09.2020** for recovery of **₹ 98,61,800.18 (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Paisa Eighteen Only) under PSOD A/c No.7677000600013301** along with future interest from 12.11.2019**, plus costs,** due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd, Tiptur K.R Extension Branch,** the Secured creditor from - **(1) M/s Varadhadri Exports, Represented by its proprietress Mrs. Dakshayani,** #793/299 Papareddy Palya, Opposite Deep Comp, Malathalli Village, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072, **Also at:** No.4, Begur Main Road, Hongasandra, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560095, **2) Mrs.Dakshayani N V, W/o Mr.Kumarswamy M R, 3) Mr.Kumarswamy M R, S/o Mr.Rangappa M S - Both 2 & 3 at:** #10-W, First Floor, 35th Main, 12th Cross, Anjaneyaswamy Temple Street, Sarakki Garden, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru-560050, **4) Mr.Kantharaju N V, S/o Mr.Venkatachalaiah,** #705, Devangbeedhi, Nonavinakere, Tiptur - 572224, being the borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors.

Reserve Price/Upset Price below which the property may not be sold: ₹ 79,96,000/- (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Only)

Description of Property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money deposit	Date & Time of Auction
All that part and parcel of the Western portion of the Site No.10, Khata No.30/2-10, measuring 1025 Sq.ft with residential building constructed on GF, FF, SF and partly on 3rd Floor, situated at 35th Main, 12th Cross, Sarakki Village, J.P Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru (being the site carved out of Sy.No.30/2 of Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk). **Boundaries of the Property (As per Deed)** **East by**: Portion of same Site No.10, **West by:**Drainage, **North by:** 15 Feet Road, **South by:** Private Property. **Boundaries of the property (Actual)** **East by:** 3 floor residential building, **West by:** Storm water Drainage, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Residential building.	**₹ 79,96,000.00 (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Only)**	**₹ 7,99,600.00 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Only)**	**16.09.2020 from 10.30 A.M to 10.50 A.M**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website ie.,www.karnatakabank.com under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://bankauctions.in/ on **16.09.2020** from **10.30 AM to 10.50 AM** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes.The intending bidder/s are required to register their name at https:// bankauctions.in/ and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e *online training on E-auction (tentatively on 15.09.2020)* from M/s 4 Closure, Mr.Sreekanth B (Asst.Manager), No.22, 5th Cross, Gurumahal Extension, Opp: Indian Hotel, K.G.Halli, Jalahalli (West), Bengaluru-560010 Mobile No:9515160061, E-mail: sreekanth@bankauctions.in

Date: 04.08.2020 For Karnataka Bank Ltd.
Place: Bengaluru Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

NAME DECLARATION

I, **SUBBALAKSHMI .M.V,** W/o Madhusudan. K, Aged about 45 years, R/at No.10, Kaveri, WAT Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004.

I State that my name is SUBBALAKSHMI.M.V, After I got married with Madhusudan.K on 12.11.1995 my name is also called as USHA MADHUSUDAN

I hereby declare that both **SUBBALAKSHMI.M.V** and **USHA MADHUSUDAN**, are the names pertaining to me only. Vide affidavit dated 13.07.2020 sworn to before Notary **VANI G.K,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **Mr. B Veera Mohan Reddy ,** residing at No.158, 9th Cross, 1st Main old Madras Road, Above Sweet Chariot, Pai Layout, Bangalore North, Doorvanainagar, Bangalore- 560016, I have changed the My Daughter Name **Banka Lahari** (Old Name) to **B. Lahari** (New Name) vide Affidavit Dated 04.08.2020 before notary K.V.Bachi Reddy, B.A,LLB, Advocate & Notary,No.102, Sri Krishna Building, Avenue Road, Bangalore - 560002

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **N.MALAR VIZHI,** Spouse of No. JC312352H SUB M.Siva Kumar, residing at H.No. 25/A, Murthy Nagar, E.B.Colony, Marandahalli (Vill & Post) Palacode (Tehsil) Dharmapuri (Dist) Tamil Nadu (State) PIN:636806, have changed my name from **N.MALAR VIZHI** to **S.MALAR VIZHI** vide affidavit Dated 03/08/2020 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as **ANCY ISSAC PAUL** W/o ISSAC PAUL D/o KORULLA EAPEN, Retired Professor at Union Christian College Aluva, R/o No. 416, Ashrith Aspire, Sy. No. 3/6, Deverachikanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Karnataka-560076 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Ms. ANCY EAPEN**, vide affidavit dated 3rd August 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAJIV KUMAR SINGH**, S/o Naresh Singh, R/o #405, J6, Provident Welworth City, Yelahanka, Doddaballapura Main Road, Marasandra, near IOB, Doddatumkur Post, Bangalore Rural, have changed my name as **RAJIV CHAUHAN**, vide affidavit dated 04.08.2020 sworn before notary D.Sarala Kumari, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) KRITHIKA R, residing at No. 4/2, Chikana Layout, P & T Colony, Nagawara Main Road, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SUMAIYA BANU** vide affidavit Dated 03/08/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Mrs. MANISHA MEHTA,** W/o Mr. Abhishek Singh, age 35 years, R/at Flat No. D-306, DNR Atmosphere, Ramagondanahalli, Varthur Main Road, Whitefield, Bangalore-66, Karnataka do hereby declare that after marriage my name is **Mrs. MANISHA SINGH** instead of **Mrs. MANISHA MEHTA**, vide affidavit dated 31st July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **YANKOBA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRATIBHAVATI G KARIKALLAMANI**, W/o Saibanna, R/o #174/1, Pallekammanagara main Road, near Govt Hostel, Chikkajala, Jala Hobli, Bangalore – 560064 declares that **PRATIBHA** as mentioned in my passbook by mistake, is also belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 04.08.2020 sworn before notary D.Sarala Kumari, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sanjeev Kumar, S/o. Mr. Satragunah Prasad Singh, aged 43 years, Residing at No.101, S. V. Paradise, 16th D Cross, 1st Main, Pai Layout, Bengaluru - 560 016, have changed my name from **'SANJEEV KUMAR' to 'SANJIVV KUMAR SINGH'** Vide affidavit dated 03.08.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary Indira.S.S, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M. LALITH RAO,** age 23 years, S/o Late Sri N. Mohan Rao, now r/at No. 44, 3rd Cross, Victoria Layout, Austin Town, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore-47 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **M. LALITH RAO** to **LALITH M. RAO** (expanded as **LALITH MOHAN RAO**), henceforth I shall be known and called as **LALITH M. RAO** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 4th August 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. GUNA SHEKAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SYED NISHAD AHMED, S/o. S. Mohammed Iqbal, R/at No. 441/32, 1st Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-27, have changed our son's name from Master. MOHAMMED TOUFEEQUE NISHAD** to **Master. MOHAMMED TAUFEEQUE NISHAD** vide affidavit dated 03-08-2020 sworn before notary S. Jayanth, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Chandra Shekar Koramangla Jayram,** R/at.No.12, 6th Block Grape Garden, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. Have changed my Son's name from **AKSHAYA REDDY CHANDRA SHEKAR** to **AKSHAY REDDY CHANDRA SHEKAR**, vide affidavit dated 4.08.2020 sworn before notary M.Rajendra, Bangalore-73

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANISHA BAJPE,** R/at # 43, Krishna, 1st Main, Manjunath Layout, M.G. Palya, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560 068 have changed my minor son's name from **AHAN BIKERNAKATTA** to **AHAN BAJPE**, vide affidavit dated 03-08-2020, before Notary **Prakash C.**, at Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K VISWANATH MORAVANENI** resident of No. P-73/3, HQTC Campus, JC Nagar (Post), Bangalore - 560006, have changed my son's Name from **MSS SAINATH** to **MORAVANENI SHANMUKHA SRI SAINATH** vide Affidavit dated 4-08-2020.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARUNKUMAR.H.R,** S/o. Ramaiah Gowda, H.O r/at. No.S2, Rajeshwari Residence, No.18, 2nd Cross, Hennur Road, Lingraja pura, Bangalore-560084. Have change the name of my daughter from **SAGARIKA HOLEMADLU** to **SAGRIKA HOLEMADLU,** vide affidavit dated 18.03.2020 sworn to before notary K.C. Gowthami, Bengaluru-560040.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GERARD XAVIER,** R/at No. 15/B-2, Lazarus Enclave, Cambell Road, Bengaluru-560 047, the names **PHILOMENA XAVIER** alias **RITA XAVIER** refer to one and the same person i.e. my deceased mother's name only, vide affidavit dated 31/06/2020 before Notary **C.V. Earappa,** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **T.D. MURALI MOHAN**, aged about 40 years, S/o. T.M.C. Doddaiah, R/at No. 640-A, Shanthinagar, South Side, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural Dist. - 562 110, have changed my caste from Hinduism to Muslim. Vide affidavit dated 30-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary C.N. Chandra Shekar, Bangalore.

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
748.31	Sensex	37,687.91	₹10	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,330	₹350	Per kg	₹65,050	Dollar	75.04
203.65	Nifty	11,095.25	₹10	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,230	₹0.35	Per gm	₹65.05	Euro	88.43

Economic recovery remains fragile

The rising number of Covid-19 cases call for dynamic monitoring, says a finance ministry report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

EVEN when there are some signs of improvement, India's economic recovery remains "fragile" due to rising number of coronavirus cases, the Finance Ministry said Tuesday.

"It is evident that, India is well on the path to a recovery from a trough in April, ably supported by proactive government and central bank policies. However, the increase in the Covid-19 cases and subsequent intermittent lockdowns make the recovery prospects fragile and call for constant and dynamic monitoring," said the ministry's monthly economic report, referring to the disruption caused due to the pandemic. Citing examples of emerging new containment zones, the report said that recovery is linked to how Covid-19 infections evolve across states.

"India's top 12 growth driving states account for 85 per cent of the covid-19 case load, with 40 per cent of confirmed cases concentrated in the top two growth drivers i.e. Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu," the report said. The highest growth in active cases in July was in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand, it added.

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>
> FinMin's monthly economic report

On Saturday even Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman admitted that "it is difficult to assess now when economy will fully recover". The government issued fresh guidelines for unlock 3.0 removing night curfew outside containment zones and allowing gyms and yoga centres to reopen from August 5. However, it continued restrictions on opening of schools, colleges, theatres, swimming pools, metro rail, cinema halls and bars.

As of Tuesday afternoon, India had the third highest number of confirmed cases worldwide. According to the report, the push for growth in the coming months will come from rural India and will be helped by the recent reforms announced in agricultural sector, including two ordinances helping farmers trade across state lines. That apart, the forecast of a normal monsoon, is also likely to see agriculture cushion the shock of the pandemic on the Indian economy.

Accenture, Dell among top contractors in the US

According to a Bloomberg report, the allocations of contracts to companies by US federal agencies was billed at $1.4 trillion in FY19 and companies like Accenture and Dell featured in the list of top 10. More than 70 per cent of the H-1B visa holders are Indian techies.

Trump's H-1B visa order may thwart IT outsourcing

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

THE latest executive order signed by US President Donald Trump directing federal agencies to stop hiring H-1B visa holders may block the move of IT bigwigs like IBM, Dell, Hewlett Packard, Accenture and Deloitte to outsource jobs to other countries.

According to the fresh order, federal departments will have to conduct an internal audit and review their offshore services and temporary foreign labour (H-1B, L-1) for contracts that were in FY18 and 2019 and issue a report within 120 days to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The new order, that seeks to save jobs for Americans and prevent outsourcing work to foreign countries in the pursuit of cheap labour, comes nearly after a month of the Trump administration banned issuance of fresh H-1B visas till the year end. The move coincides with the coronavirus pandemic that has created a massive unemployment crisis in the country. More than 70 per cent of the H-1B visa holders are Indian professionals, one of the participants in the meeting chaired by Trump said. According to a Bloomberg report, the allocations of contracts to companies by US federal agencies was billed at $1.4 trillion in FY19 and the likes of Dell, Accenture featured in the list of top 10.

The Department of Labour has been asked to finalise guidelines to prevent H-1B employers from moving H-1B workers to other employer job sites to displace American workers.

Criticising the move, Indian IT industry body Nasscom said that the decision "appears to have been made on misperceptions, and misinformation".

"Part of the Executive Order focuses on federal contracting, and part of the Executive Order focuses on the H-1B visa program in general. The order is particularly coming at a time when there is a huge shortage of STEM skills in the US, that workers on short-term non-immigrant visas like H-1B and L-1 help bridge." Nasscom estimates unemployment rate for computer occupations (those most common amongst H-1B visa holders) to have declined from three per cent in January 2020 to 2.5 per cent in May, 2020, while unemployment rate for all other occupations grew.

4G Priority network tussle escalates

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THE tussle between regulator TRAI and telcos Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea over the latter's priority data plans continues to escalate. While the appellate telecom tribunal TDSAT had allowed the telcos to continue onboarding customers on to these plans, it also did not restrain TRAI from conducting an enquiry and coming up with a final decision post the probe.

Last week, the regulator gave additional time to the two telecom firms to file their replies on a fresh series of questions over the plans sent by the regulator. Sources say that the deadline for replies have been set at August 10.

Even as this was going on, however, the regulator also approached the TDSAT to request a change in its order, which had stated that the regulator had begun the investigation into the plans after rival telco Reliance Jio had sent it a letter on the issue. However, TRAI told TDSAT that it had begun its enquiry two days before RJio's letter was received. However, TDSAT did not consent to changing its order and turned down TRAI plea.

Priority 4G network plans offered by Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea have come under the radar of TRAI due to their promise to give better service to higher-paying subscribers. Sources at TRAI say that such plans should come without deteriorating the service for other customers. While this is possible with the technology used for fixed line services, such targeted internet speeds are not possible in the mobile internet sector, experts note.

'July car sales up, but it's too early to call recovery'

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EVEN as Maruti Suzuki India (MSIL) registered sales recovery in July, the company is not entirely sure of a recovery. Kenichi Ayukawa, MD and CEO of MSIL says it is too early to tell whether demand is only pent up or really starting to recover.

"After lifting of the lockdown, fortunately, we recognise that some demand is starting to recover. However, the biggest challenge is to ramp up production of vehicles, amidst the shortage of manpower and the local lockdowns being observed in different states or cities affecting the supply of components and delivery of vehicles at dealerships. It is too early to judge whether demand is only pent up or really starting to recover," Ayukawa stated in its annual report. MSIL'S domestic passenger vehicle sales grew by 1.3 per cent year on year to 97,768 units in July after sales nosedived in the first quarter of FY21 because of the covid-19 led lockdown.

Ayukawa also hinted that Maruti Suzuki may come up with a diesel engine in future. MSIL has completely stopped selling diesel engine powered vehicles since April 1, 2020 as the company feels the increased cost may not remain an economically attractive choice for customers. "Prices of both diesel and petrol fuel have now come much closer. However, if for some reason, the demand of diesel vehicles continues, the company may have the flexibility to bring back diesel technology (1.5 litre) in its products," Ayukawa noted.

According to MSIL chairman RC Bhargava, the woes of the automobile sector were compounded by the pandemic even before the financial year ended.

Sashidhar Jagdishan to succeed Puri as HDFC Bank's MD & CEO

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BRINGING to a close one of the most keenly watched successions in the Indian banking sector, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its seal of approval for Sashidhar Jagdishan to take-over as the next MD & CEO of HDFC Bank— arguably the country's most successful private sector lender.

Jagdishan, a long-time insider with a career in the bank spanning over 25 years, will take over as its chief executive once outgoing CEO Aditya Puri hangs up his boots on October 26. Jagdishan had joined HDFC in 1996 and is currently the Additional Director and Head of Finance. "We wish to inform you that the RBI vide its communication dated August 3, 2020, has approved the appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as Managing Director & CEO of the Bank for a period of three years," the bank said.

Jagdishan had long been seen as a first choice among insiders, but two other names had accompanied his on the shortlist of candidates sent to the RBI— another insider Kaizad Bharucha, who heads HDFC's wholesale banking division, and Sunil Garg of Citibank. The RBI communicated its preference for Jagdishan as MD and CEO on Monday. Jagdishan's appointment is unlikely to come with integration challenges with analysts noting that such a long period working within the HDFC ecosystem would reduce many of the teething troubles faced during top-level transitions. However, Jagdishan will still face substantial pressure to perform, succeeding as he does one of the country's most respected bankers— Aditya Puri. Puri, who was made CEO just a few months before HDFC Bank was listed in 1995, had presided over the next two-and-a-half decades of its growth.

Puri's period at the helm saw the lender's return on assets rise from 0.02 per cent in 1995 to 1.89 per cent now; return on equity from 0.72 per cent to 16.4 per cent; and return on capital employed from 0.62 per cent to 15.27 per cent.

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>
> HDFC Bank

Optare to deliver entire batch of Metrodecker EVs by September-end | EXPRESS

Ashok Leyland arm delivers first lot of e-buses to UK

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COMMERCIAL vehicle manufacturer, Ashok Leyland's UK based subsidiary Optare PLC has delivered the first lot of 21 battery-electric Metrodecker electric vehicles (EVs) to UK-based bus operator First York. the company announced on Tuesday.

The whole batch will be delivered by the end of September. This Metrodecker is a part of the 107 Metrodecker EVs order Optare has received since the product was launched 18 months ago. Each Metrodecker EV with First York can carry 98 passengers, although that capacity is now restricted due to social distancing measures. The model delivers a range in excess of 160 miles.

The Metrodecker EVs are the first of the new vehicles that have entered service with First UK Bus since it announced its commitment to achieve zero-emission by 2035. The first Optare battery-electric buses — Versa EVs — entered service on the York park-and-ride network in 2014.

"We are proud of the progress Optare has been making in developing sustainable solutions for public transport. Optare has the know-how, technology and experience to help cities with reducing emissions from buses. Optare continues to be a key piece in our overall strategy to be amongst the Top 10 CV makers globally," said Ashok Leyland MD & CEO Vipin Sondhi.

The Metrodecker EVs have been developed from the p rototype by Optare in a partnership with First York and the York City Council, which began three years ago. They are made and fully assembled at an Optare's factory in Sherburn, the company said.

Insecticides, hygiene drive Godrej's India sales

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

FAST-MOVING consumer goods maker Godrej Consumer Products (GCPL) has seen its consolidated sales decline one per cent year-on-year, but India business grew five per cent in the first quarter of fiscal 2021. The growth was led by robust demand for its household insecticides and hygiene products, while hair colour and other categories continued to de-grow.

"This quarter was tough due to the challenges we faced with lockdowns across geographies and the ensuing supply side issues. Going foreward, however, we are focusing our efforts on where the demand is — in household insecticides and hygiene. We have several new launches, strongly price-enabled, across geographies. It is not just our categories; our channels too are seeing a shift, and we will be doubling down on digitisation and platforms like e-commerce, said GCPL chairperson and managing director Nisaba Godrej.

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27%	18%
Sales growth of insecticides in Q1 FY21	Decline in hair colour category in the June qtr

GCPL said many strongly price-enabled new launches are on the pipeline

Category-wise, insecticides and hygiene grew by 27 per cent and 15 per cent, respectively. The company posted a 3.1 per cent fall year-on-year in its June quarter consolidated net profit to ₹395 crore compared to ₹407.6 crore in the year-ago period. The profit included a one-time gain of ₹14 crore. Revenue of the company was down 12.5 per cent to ₹2,327.3 crore versus ₹2,348.8 crore in Q1 FY20.

International markets such as Africa, USA and Middle East were severely impacted due to the Covid 19-induced lockdown. It had seen a degrowth of 23 per cent in constant currency terms in these markets. "The silver lining was that May and June were much stronger than April, and big markets like Africa and Nigeria are gradually picking up," Godrej said.

SPICEJET TO FLY DAILY TO LONDON FROM SEPTEMBER

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SPICEJET has secured slots at London Heathrow Airport to operate flights effective September 1, 2020, continuing on its aggressive international expansion despite Covid-19 limitations.

"This is presently under the bubble arrangement between India and UK and effective up to the end of summer schedule i.e. October 23, 2020," the company said in a statement on August 4. A slot allows an airline to land and depart at a particular airport, at a designated time. SpiceJet is the first low-cost airline from India to get this facility in Heathrow, one of the busiest airports in the world. This follows the low-cost airline getting the rights to operate flights to the UK. In a statement on July 24, SpiceJet had said, "We would like to further inform you that in terms of the Air Services Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United Kingdom, SpiceJet has been designated as Indian scheduled carrier to operate on agreed services between India and the UK." "London is one of the busiest long-haul destinations from India and this is a huge milestone for SpiceJet," said Chairman & Managing Director Ajay Singh.

EXPRESS READ

Coca-Cola plans to boost at-home consumption

New Delhi: Beverage major Coca-Cola India is planning to boost 'at-home' consumption channels, as 'away-from-home' approach disrupted after the pandemic, a top company official said on Tuesday However, it expects this channel to bounce back to the pre-COVID level gradually, as the government lifts restrictions in phases, said Coca-Cola India and South West Asia President T Krishnakumar.

OYO restoring salary cuts for employees

New Delhi: Hospitality firm OYO on Tuesday told its employees that it is restoring the full salaries of staffers in India and South Asia, a company spokesperson said. Pay cuts for employees with fixed compensation of up to ₹8 lakh have been reversed from August 1, while the rest will see restoration in a phased manner from October 2020.

White-Westinghouse forays into India

New Delhi: America's consumer appliance brand White-Westinghouse on Tuesday announced its entry in the Indian market with the launch of its washing machines. Indian manufacturing firm Superplastronics Pvt. Ltd. is collaborating with White-Westinghouse and investing ₹300 crore to set up a new manufacturing unit in Noida.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹353.05

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Recent unemployment data (e.g.,CMIE) and hiring outlook surveys hint at quick and strong recovery in the jobmarket. We expect 10%/24% revenue/EPS CAGR over FY20–22E. Welcome corrective stepsundertaken by the new management to address some investor concerns and improvecash conversion/ROE should drive a re-rating.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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SHINING BRIGHT

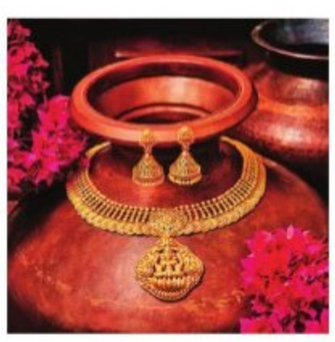
Tanishq ramps up tech initiatives riding on new way of buying bling

BINITA JAISWAL @Chennai

TATA Group's jewellery brand Tanishq's tech based initiative to promote selling of ornaments through video calling has helped it in garnering a good set of customers.

Arun Narayan, AVP category, marketing & retail, Tanishq, told *TNIE* , that the video calling facility was launched at its stores a month ago and about 8,000 calls have been made to customers so far by their sales consultants. Interestingly, out of the 8,000 calls, at least 2,000 translated into sales.

Initially, the facility was launched in a few stores but looking at the overwhelming response of customers the service has now been extended to over 260 stores and very shortly it will be available in all Tanishq stores, said Narayan.



"To our surprise, the response from customers in small towns towards the video calling facility is very encouraging. We have noticed that the entire family is getting involved in the purchase. They are connecting the video call into their television sets and spending hours comfortably in selecting the ornaments," said Narayan. Adequate training is being provided to the sales consultants to handle customers efficiently. The sales consultant interacts with the customers earlier and shortlists products according to their needs and then the jewellery is showcased to them through video calls.

To tide over these unprecedented times when physical distancing has become the new normal, Tanishq has also leveraged its online sales platform to improve business. The website has been strengthened with live assisted chat and powered with augmented reality so that people can get virtual try-ons facility with utmost clarity. The move has helped the brand in getting more online customers.

According to the company, its online platform gets over a million visitors a month on an average and over 56 per cent of them are first time customers.

Spain & Real great Casillas says goodbye

Spain's World Cup-winning goalkeeper Iker Casillas announced his retirement on Tuesday, after being sidelined for more than a year with a heart problem. Casillas, 39, also won the European Championship twice with his country in a trophy-laden career which included more than 700 games for Real Madrid. Casillas joined Porto in 2015 from Madrid but suffered a heart attack last year.

Origin of crisis: Theory of Vivo-lution

WHAT NEXT?
With around 45 days left for the IPL in the UAE, the BCCI has to find a sponsor willing to pay ₹440 crore for a year, the amount Vivo was committed to. BCCI will be taking a look into all possibilities before taking a decision

IF THEY CAN'T FIND ONE?
In that case, the Indian cricket board has to settle for less than ₹440 crore since it is not in a position to bargain, given the prevailing market situation. It is learnt that the BCCI may agree to not go without a sponsor

PROSPECTIVE SPONSORS
There are a handful of companies who might be willing to invest in IPL considering the publicity platform it provides. A telecom and an e-commerce giant might be interested. Need to be seen if the sponsor is from India or abroad

FRANCHISE'S TAKE
They feel if Vivo pulls out amid the ongoing economic crisis, it will affect the overall revenue model of the tournament. "It will be a big loss and impact spending of the teams," said one franchise official.

CAN BCCI SUE VIVO?
Yes, considering that Vivo was committed to a five-year deal. However, Vivo's promise to come back for 2021 and 2022 and argument that it will get bad publicity at the moment might change things.

With Chinese firm pulling out, new deal may reduce BCCI's bargaining power: Expert

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @Chennai

UNCERTAINTY looming over the future of Vivo as title sponsor, IPL has suddenly slipped into unfamiliar waters. Industry experts feel it would be difficult to find another sponsor which could match Vivo's yearly commitment of ₹440 crore. And if that happens, brand value of the league every cricketer aspires to play in might suffer.

Given the popularity of cricket and IPL the brand, finding another sponsor might not be difficult. But state of economy is one factor and lack of time is another, which will come in the way of the BCCI lining up a like for like alternative. The worrying part will be the future because if the value of IPL decreases, BCCI's negotiating power may not remain the same going ahead.

"Even though this is not by design, if there is a markdown from the existing amount (Vivo was committed to ₹440 crore per year), there will be an impact on the value of IPL. This may not be that significant if the new deal is only for one year. But if they sign a new three-year contract for a lesser amount, the valuation may suffer. Going forward, the BCCI's bargaining power may change," said Santosh N, managing partner of D and P India Advisory Services LLP and external advisor to Duff and Phelps, which studied brand IPL for six years and estimated it at ₹47,500 crore in 2019.

Since inception in 2008, IPL's stocks have only risen. DLF, the first title sponsor, gave around ₹200 crore for the first five years. Pepsi signed a new deal in 2012, wherein the amount got nearly doubled. Although Pepsi pulled out in 2015 following the spot-fixing and betting scandal of 2013, IPL soon found Vivo, who paid ₹190 crore for 2016 and 2017 before agreeing to ₹2199 crore for five years from 2018. This shows that despite negative and adverse publicity in 2013 and 2015, IPL's brand value did not suffer and increased manifold soon after.

Santosh, too, does not see the present situation as a dead end, saying that things depend on the kind of response IPL gets this year. "In certain ways, numbers of 2020 will decide the numbers of 2021 and onwards. With not much for the public by way of entertainment due to the Covid-19 situation, a lot of people will watch IPL this year. If the event does blockbuster business in terms of viewership and advertisement rates, things can change. But if the numbers reduce this year, the BCCI may not be in a situation to negotiate next year."

A professional with more than 15 years of experience in valuation and financial advisory services, Santosh is sure IPL will get a sponsor, but not so sure about the amount the new sponsor may offer.

"The probability of the IPL being held without a title sponsor this year is low. But at such short notice and considering the overall economic situation in the world caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it will be difficult to match the amount given by Vivo," said Santosh.

New sponsor most likely option for IPL

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

THE IPL is likely to have a new title sponsor after the BCCI refused to accept Vivo's request to re-negotiate the existing deal. It is understood that Vivo is keen to activate the 'force majeure' clause in the five-year contract it signed in 2018 for ₹2199 crore.

With just 45 days remaining for the tournament to begin in UAE, BCCI has reached out to a few brands including an Indian telecom major as a potential replacement, but there are concerns that the new deal will less than ₹440 crore, what Vivo was paying annually. This daily that Vivo reached out to BCCI last month with a request to renegotiate the deal citing the pandemic and said it won't be able to pay ₹440 crore this year. Though there were several round of talks, this issue didn't come up during Sunday's IPL Governing Council meeting, where it was announced that all sponsorships will continue.

Although an affiliate unit of RSS had asked BCCI to rethink its decision to continue their association with Chinese brands, sources in the board said popular sentiments had nothing to do with the development. Late on Monday, Vivo informed BCCI it would use the 'force majeure' clause. Although certain sections of BCCI revealed that Vivo wants to honour its five-year contract by coming on board next year and extending the deal till 2023, there is no confirmation.

Given the current financial climate, many in BCCI believe it would be difficult to match the amount Vivo was paying, but there is also optimism that brand IPL can still fetch a big sum. If Vivo enters into a tripartite agreement with another company provided BCCI gives its consent, then the chances of BCCI suffering losses may reduce. But there is no clarity if this is explored.

However, given the huge amount involved, market analysts feel it is difficult to create a win-win situation for all. BCCI officials believe both parties deciding to part ways would be ideal, as no popular brand would pay a huge sum for one season. In that case, BCCI can opt for new partner.

NRAI postpones national camp in Delhi with athletes' safety in mind

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

THE inevitable has happened. The shooting camp for Olympic probables that was supposed to be held this month at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting in New Delhi has been indefinitely postponed due to prevailing coronavirus pandemic.

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), governing body of the sport in the country, made the announcement on Tuesday. "Under the prevailing conditions with respect to the Covid-19 pandemic, the governing body decided to defer the camp until conditions are safe and things are suitable for outstation travel," the NRAI said in an email.

Travel had been the main concern for the shooters and coaches, especially those who live miles away from New Delhi. The NRAI had initially taken the decision to conduct the camp for Olympic core group shooters from August 1. And they had made it mandatory for everyone to attend it. That decision, though, was taken without taking views from coaches and shooters, thus leading to apprehensions. And that had eventually led to the postponement from the original date.

After unsuccessful first attempt, there were talks until recently that the camp could be held from August 17 instead.

In its bid to meet that target, NRAI had sought feedback from all the parties involved. Taking into account the response from everyone, the governing body made the final decision.

NRAI's move was welcomed by national rifle coach Deepali Deshpande, who is from Maharashtra. "I feel we don't need to take that kind of risk and most of the shooters are already training at their respective homes. Whenever the situation improves, we can have a camp," she said.

Plans for Anjum

Going forward, it's unclear when the camp will be held. But Deepali has already devised an alternate plan for Anjum Moudgil. The coach has proposed the rifle ace to move to Delhi in September so she can start her Olympics preparations. Anjum is currently at home in Chandigarh and has been focussing on 10m air rifle at her friend's range. But her pet event 50m rifle 3 positions has taken a back seat. "Her aunt lives in Delhi and I think it will be safer to stay there. I have told her about the idea and she has agreed," Deepali said.

EXPRESS READ

Appeal against Ganguly and Shah extension

CHENNAI: An appeal has been filed in Supreme Court against BCCI treasurer Arun Dhumal's plea to extend the tenures of chief Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah. Jharkhand State Cricket Association life member Naresh Makani is the applicant. This is the first legal petition against the BCCI's appeal to make changes in the constitution.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Proc) (KW-3)/2nd Call (Corrigendum)

Ref: (1) No: MIDH/AE-1/Short Term Tender/2020-21/738 Date: 27.04.2020
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Item Rate Tender is invited through e-procurement in two cover system from contractors registered in PWD as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act-2000 and recent amendments under **Head of Account "4702-00-101-5-01-139 Dam Pickups:Barrages"** for the works mentioned below.

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As Amended Work: Rejuvenation of Bachanaki Tank in Mundagod Taluka, Uttara Kannada District. Approx. Amount put to tender Rs. 87.82 Lakhs, EMD Rs.1.76 Lakhs, Tender Processing Fee: As per e-procurement, Period of Completion: 9 Months(including monsoon), Class of Contractor: Class-1 (KW-3).

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for contractor and any doubts regarding this tender please verify before on this date: **07.08.2020** and the tenders may be submitted electronically in e-procurement portal upto 16.00 hr on **10.08.2020**. The technical Bid for tender i.e first cover will be opened on **12.08.2020 at 4.30 pm**. The Financial bid will be opened after getting approval from the higher authority. Minimum eligibility criteria for accepting tender works will be considered as in Standard Bid Document **KW-3**. Tenderers should understand this before submitting the tender. Interested contractors can obtain the information regarding the works from this office (Ph: 08284-220113) or e-procurement help desk (Ph: 080-22485867) up to 16.00 hrs. Other details can be seen in the tender document.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Haliyal Division (U.K)

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Richard Branson could shoot into space on his Virgin Galactic aircraft as its first passenger early next year, potentially blazing a path for commercial flights. The company will take the first tourists outside earth's atmosphere.

LEARNING CRISIS DURING PANDEMIC

Outbreak creates largest disruption of education in history, affects 1.6 bn students

DEEPLY CONCERNING

UNITED NATIONS: The Covid-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption of education in history, affecting nearly 1.6 billion students in all countries and continents and an additional 23.8 million children and youth could drop out or not have access to school next year due to the pandemic's economic impact alone, the UN Secretary General's policy brief on education said.

"Education is the key to personal development and the future of societies. It unlocks opportunities and narrows inequalities. It is the bedrock of informed, tolerant societies, and a primary driver of sustainable development. The Covid-19 pandemic has led to the largest disruption of education ever," Secretary General Antonio Guterres said in a video statement launching his policy brief on 'Education and Covid-19' on Tuesday.

> **Some 23.8 million additional children and youth (from pre-primary to tertiary) could drop out or not have access to school next year due to the pandemic's economic impact alone.**
>
> United Nations

He said that in mid-July, schools were closed in more than 160 countries, affecting over 1 billion students and at least 40 million children worldwide have missed out on education in their critical pre-school year. The policy brief said that the pandemic has exacerbated education disparities and learning losses due to prolonged school closures threaten to erase progress made in recent decades, not least for girls and young women.

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Guterres said as the world faces unsustainable levels of inequality, "we need education 'the great equaliser' more than ever. We must take bold steps now, to create inclusive, resilient, quality education systems fit for the future." Guterres voiced concern that parents, especially women, have been forced to assume heavy care burdens in the home and despite the delivery of lessons by radio, television and online, and the best efforts of teachers and parents, many students remain out of reach.

"Learners with disabilities, those in minority communities, displaced and refugee students and those in remote areas are at highest risk of being left behind," he said.

The UN chief underlined that the world already faced a learning crisis before the pandemic as more than 250 million school-age children were out of school and only a quarter of secondary school children in developing countries were leaving school with basic skills.

"Now we face a generational catastrophe that could waste untold human potential, undermine decades of progress, and exacerbate entrenched inequalities. The knock-on effects on child nutrition, child marriage and gender equality, among others, are deeply concerning," he said.

EXFILE

Cancer in dinosaurs too!

The first-ever evidence for a dinosaur that lived with a malignant, spreading cancer has been discovered in a 77 million-year-old fossil, a study has found recently. A look at it...

WHAT IS IT?

Experts found the bone cancer — an osteosarcoma — in a horned plant-eating dinosaur, Centrosaurus apertus, that lived in Canada during the Cretaceous Period.

ABOUT OSTEOSARCOMA

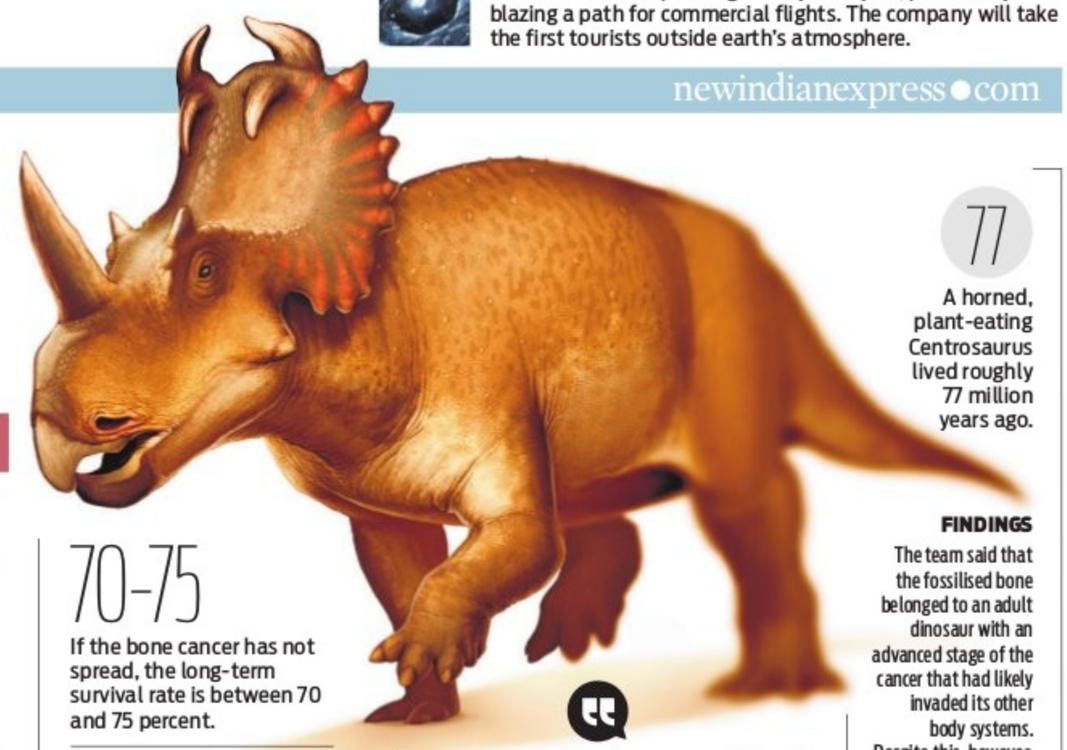
Osteosarcoma is a bone cancer that usually occurs in the second or third decade of life — and manifests as an overgrowth of disorganised bone that spreads rapidly and can affect other organs including, most commonly, the lungs.

CAUSE

It is unknown but it is thought to be related to rapid bone growth, such as adolescence. Most tumors usually develop around the knee, either in the lower part of the thighbone or the upper part of the shinbone.

STUDY OF LEG BONES AMONG CENTROSAURUS

The lower leg bone — which was found in Alberta's Dinosaur Provincial Park in 1989 — had originally been thought to have become malformed by a fracture healing. Palaeontologist David Evans noted the bone's unusual properties during a visit to the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller, Canada, in 2017 — and set out with colleagues to analyse it with state-of-the-art medical techniques.



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A horned, plant-eating Centrosaurus lived roughly 77 million years ago.

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If the bone cancer has not spread, the long-term survival rate is between 70 and 75 percent.

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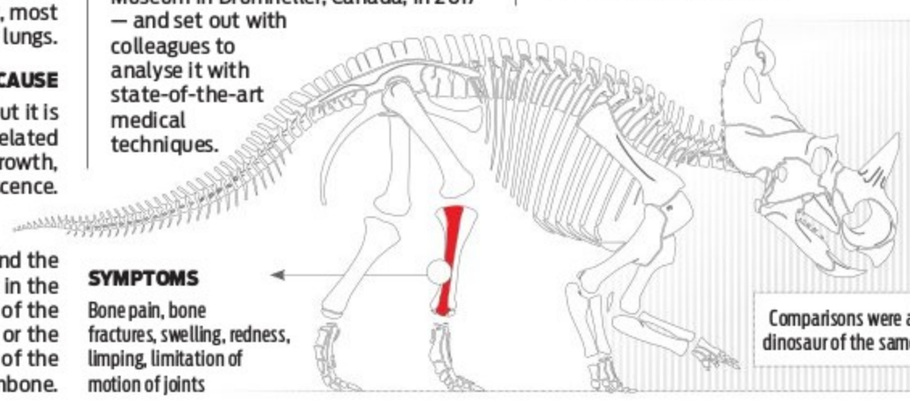
If osteosarcoma has already spread, the long-term survival rate is about 30 percent.

Diagnosis of aggressive cancer like this in dinosaurs has been elusive and requires medical expertise and multiple levels of analysis to properly identify.

Paper author and pathologist Mark Crowther of the McMaster University in Ontario

FINDINGS

The team said that the fossilised bone belonged to an adult dinosaur with an advanced stage of the cancer that had likely invaded its other body systems. Despite this, however, the specimen was found in a massive bone bed, suggesting that the Centrosaurus died as part of a large herd that was struck down by a flood.



SYMPTOMS

Bone pain, bone fractures, swelling, redness, limping, limitation of motion of joints

DIAGNOSIS

- Evans' team re-evaluated the bone and approached the diagnosis similarly to how it would be approached for the diagnosis of an unknown tumour in a human.
- After examining, documenting and casting the bone, the team performed high-resolution computed tomography (CT) scans of the fossil — before viewing thin slices of the bone under a microscope to study it at the cellular level.
- The researchers also used powerful three-dimensional CT reconstruction tools to visualise the progression of the cancer throughout the dinosaurs' bone.

Comparisons were also made between the cancerous bone and a normal lower leg bone from another dinosaur of the same species, as well as a fibula from a human with a confirmed case of osteosarcoma.

France might risk losing control of coronavirus, says science council

> **We are seeing an increase in the figures for the epidemic which should make us more attentive than ever. I call on every French person to remain very vigilant. The fight against the virus depends of course on the state, local communities, institutions, but also on each of us.**
>
> France PM Jean Castex

ON ALERT

PARIS: France could "change course at any moment" to a runaway spread of coronavirus, the government's Covid-19 scientific council warned Tuesday as official data showed the first rise in intensive care patients since April.

In an opinion prepared for the government, the council warned "the virus has recently been circulating more actively, with an increased loss of distancing and barrier measures" since France emerged from a two-month lockdown in May.

"The balance is fragile and we can change course at any time to a less controlled scenario like in Spain for example," it said. And the council warned of a possible "resumption of circulation of the virus at a high level" by autumn 2020, after the August summer holidays.

Data released by the health department on Monday showed the number of people in intensive care had risen by 13 since Friday, breaking the downward trend observed since April, when French people were under strict stay-at-home orders to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Twenty-nine new deaths were reported over the same period, bringing the country's total death toll to 30,294. At the height of the outbreak in April, there were more than 7,100 people in intensive care in French hospitals, which had 5,000 intensive care beds available when the crisis hit.

Faulty car exhaust sparks wildfire

UNEXPECTED

BANNING (US): A wildfire in mountains east of Los Angeles that has forced thousands of people from their homes was sparked by a malfunctioning diesel vehicle, fire officials said Monday.

The vehicle spewed burning carbon from its exhaust system, igniting several fires Friday on Oak Glen Road in Cherry Valley, and authorities were asking anyone who may have seen such a vehicle at the time to contact investigators, according to a statement from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The blaze in Riverside County, among several wildfires across California, had consumed more than 41 square miles of dry brush and timber since it broke out Friday evening, fire officials said.

As of Monday, it was five per cent contained and the fire along with coronavirus precautions made for added stress, said an American Red Cross spokesman.

FLYING MACHINE

Hot air balloons fly over as part of International Balloon Fiesta, with 43 teams taking part, in Bristol on Monday | AP

Restoration starts in Notre-Dame church

LENGTHY PROCESS

PARIS: Workers began a painstaking four-year process Monday to restore the great organ of the Paris Notre-Dame cathedral, ravaged by fire in April last year.

The fabled instrument was not badly damaged in the devastating blaze, but there was limited relief for admirers as it was covered in lead dust and has also suffered from temperature fluctuations in the cathedral since the fire.

A 30-metre scaffolding has been erected around the organ to allow it to be safely dismantled piece by precious piece and lowered to the ground. The voice of the monument since 1733, the organ has 8,000 pipes and a sound when in full flight that its players describe as truly symphonic. While the April 2019 fire toppled the spire of the cathedral and destroyed much of the roof, the organ was spared by the flames and was doused with little water.

But the instrument still needs a deep clean and restoration is expected to last until 2024. The keyboard was the first part to be removed, successfully lowered to the ground with the help of a winch to the relief of all those present, an *AFP* correspondent said. Its removal will be followed by that of all 8,000 pipes by the end of the year. The reconstruction itself will start in January 2021.

"It's a painstaking operation that we have prepared for a long time," said Jean-Louis Georgelin, the former French general spearheading the cathedral's restoration effort.

French President Emmanuel Macron wants the work finished by April 2024 — in time for Paris's hosting of the Olympic Games — and Georgelin emphasised there was no time to lose. Georgelin said that the the aim was for the organ to sound again on April 16, 2024, just after the anniversary of the blaze, with a Te Deum.

FACT OF THE MATTER

5 new devices from Samsung

FLAGSHIP GADGETS

Samsung is set to introduce five new flagship devices on Wednesday via a virtual event as the South Korean major aims to boost its gadget sales amid the pandemic. Industry insiders expect that the company will showcase five products — Galaxy Note 20 phablet, Galaxy Z Fold 2 foldable smartphone, Galaxy Watch 3 smartwatch, Galaxy Buds Live wireless earbuds and Galaxy Tab S7 tablet. In its earnings announcement last week, Samsung said it sold 57 million units of handsets in the April-June quarter, down 26 million units from a year earlier. Samsung is yet to confirm specification about new devices, but some tech reviewers have already leaked information of the products.

Snap tests new feature

SIMILAR TO TIKTOK

Photo-messaging app Snapchat has started testing a new feature that lets users set their Snaps with music, similar to what Chinese short-video making app TikTok offers. Snap, the parent company of Snapchat, has inked music rights deals with several major companies, including Warner Music Group, Universal Music Publishing Group and Merlin, reports CNET. The new feature will let user's friends send 'Snaps' with music and one will be able to view the album art, song title and name of the artist. In addition, there will also be a 'Play This Song' option that opens a web view to Linkfire so one can listen to the full song on platforms like Spotify, Apple Music.

MISSION MARS

Glaciers could have sculpted Red Planet's valleys not rivers, claims new study

MYTH BUSTER

ARIS: The question of whether ancient life could have existed on Mars centres on the water that once flowed there, but new research published Monday suggests that many of the Red Planet's valleys were gouged by icy glaciers not rivers.

The study in *Nature Geoscience*, which comes amid a flurry of new Mars missions trying to discover if the now-barren planet ever hosted life, casts doubt on a dominant theory that the planet once had a warm, wet climate with abundant liquid water that sculpted the landscape.

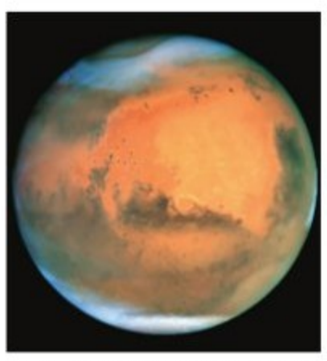
Researchers from Canada and the United States examined more than 10,000 Martian valleys and compared them to channels on Earth that were carved under glaciers.

"For the last 40 years, since Mars's valleys were first discovered, the assumption was that rivers once flowed on Mars, eroding and originating all of these valleys," said lead author Anna Grau Galofre in a statement released by the University of British Columbia.

But these formations come in a huge variety "suggesting that many processes were at play to carve them," she added.

Researchers found similarities between some Martian valleys and the subglacial channels of Devon Island, in the Canadian Arctic, which has been nicknamed "Mars on Earth" for its barren, freezing conditions and hosted NASA space training missions.

The study authors said their findings suggest that some Martian valleys could have been formed some 3.8 billion years ago by meltwater beneath ice sheets, which they said would align with climate modelling predicting that the planet would have been much cooler in its ancient past.



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"The findings demonstrate that only a fraction of valley networks match patterns typical of surface water erosion, which is in marked contrast to the conventional view," said co-author Mark Jellinek.

Nature Geoscience noted that understanding climate conditions "in the first billion years of Mars' history is important in determining whether the planet was ever habitable".

The study authors said that icy temperatures could in fact have better supported ancient life. "A sheet of ice would lend more protection and stability of underlying water, as well as providing shelter from solar radiation in the absence of a magnetic field - something Mars once had, but which disappeared billions of years ago," the University of British Columbia statement said.

The research comes after NASA launched its latest Mars rover, Perseverance, to look for signs of ancient microbial life on the Red Planet. If all goes to plan, Perseverance will reach Mars on February 18, 2021 and collect rock samples that could provide invaluable clues about whether there was ever past life on Mars.

However, the retrieval and analysis is not expected before the 2030s. China has also launched its first Mars rover, which should arrive by May 2021.

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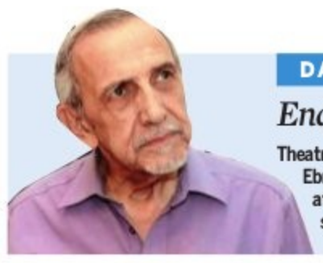

DAY'S DIARY

End of an era

Theatre doyen and legendary teacher Ebrahim Alkazi died on Tuesday afternoon, at the age of 94, after suffering a heart attack

Considered the father of modern Indian theatre, he was the recipient of the Padma Vibhushan (2010), Padma Bhushan (1991) and Padma Shri (1966).

Born in 1925, he was married to Roshan Alkazi, who designed costumes for his plays. His two children are also theatre artists. Amal Allana is a theatre director and former chairperson of NSD, while Feisal Alkazi is a prominent theatre director.

Alkazi was the longest-serving director of the NSD, and produced plays such as Girish Karnad's *Tughlaq* and Dharamvir Bharati's *Andha Yug* and Mohan Rakesh's *Ashadh Ka Ek Din*.

Photo shared by Shah on Facebook

He was associated with training some of the best-known talents in the country, including Naseeruddin Shah, Om Puri, Uttara Baokar and Rohini Hattangadi.

Rachita Ram in remake of Kolamvu Kokila

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ON THE JOB

Musicians who started a home kitchen, a swim coach turned driver... the Covid-19 pandemic has made many Bengalureans look at new avenues and side hustles for financial reasons

ILLUSTRATION: TAPAS RANJAN

• Simran Ahuja

Swimming coach Hemanth Kumar V's life hit rough waters with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. With no word about the reopening of swimming pools, Kumar's new job at a school was left hanging for three months, before he was told the application would be kept on hold indefinitely. "My wife and I were both joining the same school and had confirmed offers that were retracted," shares Kumar. This has been the scenario for many, as industries shut down with no assurance about when things would resume normalcy.

Kumar finally considered his other skills that he could monetise and took up a driving job. His salary took a deep dive, from the promised ₹45,000 at the school to ₹4,000 earned through driving. "My family was not happy, but what could I do? September onwards, I have to start paying my EMIs on household goods," says Kumar, who also moved to his mother-in-law's house to save rent. To make ends meet, his wife recently took up a job as a telecaller. He is now waiting for the final leg of his application at a food delivery platform to go through. "If it is confirmed, I will get ₹15,000. While I'm okay with that for now, I can't wait for normalcy to resume so that I can resume my coaching job," he says.

Like him, other Bengalureans too are looking at new earning avenues now. Some, like Veecheet Dhakal, are turning towards a side hustle. If all had gone fine, the musician and filmmaker would have been on tour with his Gauley Bhai band mates. As he aptly says, a musician waits for gigs as eagerly as two lovers wait to be reunited. "But it's better to do something than sulk around," says Veecheet, who has started a Tibetan-Nepali kitchen with friends Rabten Bhutia and Chewang Tamang; and two other bandmates – Anudwatt Dhakal and Siddhant Chettri. While Anudwatt and Veecheet look after the backend management, the others are involved in the kitchen, whipping out dishes like gok-po (rice meals) in vegetarian and non-veg variants. The idea to start a kitchen came about spontaneously. Tamang, an aeronautical engineer whose recruitment process came to a halt due to the pandemic, says, "I wanted to try a new experience. I'm still hoping my job works out, but until then, I have this to fill my time." Agrees Veecheet, who adds that the band is still making music as well. "Live performances, which are a big part of an independent artiste's bread and butter, don't look possible, but we are still releasing music. While we didn't start the kitchen purely to make money, it does help us with our finances at the moment," he says.

Hemanth Kumar

For Shobha Gowda, all looked great in March when she took up a job as the centre head of an education consultancy. Her happiness with the increment she got after the job switch was short-lived. Her income came down, and she even went without salary. In May, however, she resigned. After 14 years in the field of education, Gowda was left with no choice but to look at alternatives, and is now a business development manager with a soon-to-be-launched e-commerce platform. "I'm earning less than the ₹45,000 I was supposed to make in the job I left, but these are tough times," says Gowda, who is grateful to have a way to be able to pay ₹12,000 house rent with this job. Currently, her role involves making calls to sellers to get them on board the platform -- a task that reminds her of her initial days in education. "Back then too I had to ensure that student enquiries turned into admissions, so doing something similar after so many years does feel like a step back. But I chose to start from scratch instead of being home with no money," she says.

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—Veecheet Dhakal, musician

KNOW YOUR CITY

Mention Bengaluru, and the first images that come to mind are its heritage buildings, IT parks and weather, not to mention the pub culture. But how familiar are you with the city's history? Take part in our weekly quiz series, curated by city-based history researcher Arun Prasad, to learn more about namma Ooru. It will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of the first three respondents will be featured in CE on Thursday.

Questions

1. Rashtrakavi Kuvempu described Vidhana Soudha as 'Poetry in Stone'. The foundation stone of the building was laid in 1951 and it was built in 1956 with a mix of Neo-Dravidian and Indo-saracenic style of architecture. Who was the brain behind this architectural marvel?

2. Tipu Sultan, the ruler of Mysuru, who fought against the British army was named 'Tiger of Mysore'. When and where was he born?

3. Pottery is an ancient practice of making pots and vessels using clay. It is still being practised in the traditional method and continues to be an occupation for many families in a locality in Bengaluru. Name the locality.

CITY READ

Mobvoi to launch new upgraded smartwatch

Mobvoi, an artificial intelligence company backed by Google and Volkswagen, is launching TicWatch Pro 2020, an upgrade to Mobvoi's premium smartwatch, the TicWatch Pro. Priced at ₹23,999, it will be available on Amazon from August 5. Mobvoi's flagship smartwatch offers extended battery life by two to 30 days on a single charge. Some of the other features of the smartwatch are double the memory with 1GB of RAM, built-in GPS, heart rate tracker, sleep and smart fitness data-tracking apps, MIL-STD-810G durability that can withstand extreme temperature fluctuations, shock, dust and water.

How can we address children's fears?

Help children express their feelings in positive ways, like drawing. They should stay close to family, if considered safe. Follow familiar daily routines, or create new ones. Kids should be encouraged to socialise with others, even if only within family or online. Discuss Covid-19 with them in an honest way.

How do I deal with loneliness that the pandemic has brought on?

Reach out and ask for help from family and friends. Identify a set of people who you can turn to. If you feel comfortable sharing your feelings with a third person, reach out to a therapist.

What are some healthy ways to cope with emotions?

Avoid smoking, drugs or alcohol to cope. Talk to a counsellor if you feel overwhelmed. Think about past instances when you have managed adversities and use those skills to cope with the time

I am a frontline worker. How can I manage my mental health?

Don't blame yourself if you feel stressed or things don't work out positively. Get sufficient rest and respite, eat healthy, stay physically active, and keep in touch with family and friends. Avoid using tobacco, alcohol or other drugs.

Will exercise help?

Yes, even though outdoor activities should be restricted, you can always opt for indoor activities. Set a daily activity goal– walking, step workouts, skipping– and stick to it.

Reading the news makes me anxious. What can I do??

Maintain a balance in the amount of news you consume. Sometimes, even scrolling through social media can be triggering. Take breaks and only trust reliable sources.

GRAPHIC: AMOL VYAVHARE

Indian idol: Craft in times of corona

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No large-scale visarjans, no visits to houses of loved ones, no community gatherings. Ganesh Chaturthi, like many other festivals this year, is likely to be carried out on a smaller scale than usual. With fear of the virus looming large, people are left wondering if it is safe to bring home idols of the god for the occasion. This has prompted a line-up of DIY workshops, where artists show participants how to make their own Ganesha figurine at home. Most are making use of easy-to-find supplies from one's pantry or eco-friendly alternatives.

Take, for instance, Savitha Ramnarayan, the founder of The Kraft Nook, a sustainable arts and crafts initiative. The Bengalurean is conducting a workshop where participants can make a 5-inch idol with clay, natural food colours and spices; or salt dough, where cornflour or maida is mixed with salt. "All these can be composted or added to garden soil," says Ramnarayan, adding that it could take a newcomer three hours to complete the task. "It isn't rocket science. Effort and enthusiasm can make a big difference, and money can't measure the satisfaction of making your own idol, that too an environment friendly one," she says.

Mumbaikar Savita Iyer is collaborating with Dialogues Cafe, a city-based cafe and events space, to hold a similar workshop where she will first show participants how to make the clay, and then teach them how to mould the idol. After some trial and error, Iyer, who is an artiste and founder of Urbankala, was able to get the right proportions of common kitchen ingredients like tissue paper, vegetable oil, vinegar and cornflour to make the clay. "I usually use shadu mati but I knew people wouldn't find that accessible now. Covid-19 has forced us to get innovative with festival celebrations but at least this way we can flaunt our creation," says Iyer, whose two-hour workshop will help participants make a 4 or 5-inch Ganesha. "Once people learn the technique, they can apply it to make bigger idols," she adds.

While the *visarjan* is an integral part of the festival, BL Kavyashree's workshop on seed Ganesha will ensure a greener send off. Her venture Graphite Stories will hold an online workshop on how to handcraft an idol from kitchen items that can later be grown into a plant. "We can save the planet one Ganesha at a time," says the Bengalurean, who will show how to design the idol and the best seed options for a garden. "Our culture and our planet are both equally important. Finding the right balance will allow us to pass them both down for generations," says Kavyashree.

Savita Iyer

When and where

DIY Seed Ganesha from Kitchen Items: Aug. 19, 7pm onwards. Link will be available on Graphite Stories' Instagram or on Dialogues.space. Price: ₹499

Online eco-friendly Ganesha workshop by The Kraft Nook: Aug. 16 (clay) and 21 (salt dough); 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-4.30pm. Price: ₹300 without raw materials.

Eco-friendly Ganesha: Aug. 9, 3pm. Visit dialogues.space for details. Price: ₹499

FURRY FRIENDS

Driven by puppy love

• Express Features

Drive like your kids live here. We love our children and pets. Drive slowly... These are a few of the posters that residents of Ulsoor armed themselves with as they took to the streets on Saturday. Spurred by the death of their furry friend Ruby, who lost her life in a hit-and-run case, the members of Ulsoor Canine Squad (UCS) jumped into action to create awareness about road safety. "This was the fifth such case since the lockdown began," says Chaitali Pisupati, a resident of the area who is also a part of UCS. The group was formed in May after another community dog, Cookie, was injured in a similar accident.

The drive saw support from members outside UCS as well, including Ulsoor HWRA VP Mohan Kumar, and Vinod Jacob of Janagraha. "We discussed signboards, reflective tapes and one-way signs. Narayanaswamy, a traffic police personnel, also joined the drive, and assured support," adds Pisupati. Explaining the benefits of reflective tapes, another squad member, Yasmine Claire, says, "These can be stuck along pavements or the middle of a road. This way, cars don't run into dogs sleeping on pavements at night." One of the main aims of the squad, she adds, is to educate people about the important of community animals and the need to live in harmony with them.

A brainchild of animal rights activist Priya Chetty-Rajagopal, UCS is one of 17 such localised squads in the city, the others being in Hebbal, Electronics City, Bellandur, Malleswaram, Whitefield, and Indiranagar, to name a few. "The vision was to set up and expand a locality-based group of community guardians who are informed, empowered and motivated to make their human and animal community cared for and safe. These squads focus on areas like neutering, vaccinations, feeding and rescues," explains the founder of CJ Memorial Trust. UCS members have also pooled funds to distribute some pooper scoopers to BBMP workers for easier cleaning up after animals.

POO ADAI

INGREDIENTS

- **Raw rice:** 1 cup
- **Grated coconut:** 1/2 cup
- **Salt** to taste
- **Banana leaves** cut into medium pieces

METHOD

- Soak the rice in water for 2-3 hours. Grind the soaked rice to a fine paste to semi-thick consistency.
- Add salt to the rice paste.
- Spread a tablespoon of paste in a round shape on a piece of banana leaf.
- On one side of the spread, sprinkle some grated coconut. Fold the banana leaf.
- Finish the remaining rice paste in similar way.
- Steam all the adais in a pressure cooker without the weight, or keep idli cooker on high flame for 4-5 minutes. Serve hot.

– by Rama Shecar, Kochi

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SPACE WATCH

GALAXY NGC 4848

A notable feature of most spiral galaxies is the multitude of arching spiral arms that seemingly spin out from the galaxy's centre. In this image, taken with the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope, the stunning silvery-blue spiral arms of the galaxy NGC 4848 are observed in immense detail. Not only do we see the inner section of the spiral arms containing hundreds of thousands of young, bright, blue stars, but Hubble has also captured the extremely faint, wispy tails of the outer spiral arms. Myriad more distant and delightfully diverse galaxies appear in the background. This wispy barred spiral galaxy was first discovered in 1865 by the German astronomer Heinrich Louis d'Arrest. In his career, Heinrich also notably discovered the asteroid 76 Freia and many other galaxies, and he also contributed to the discovery of Neptune. If you are situated in the Northern Hemisphere with a large telescope, you might just be able to observe the ghost-like appearance of this faint galaxy within the faint constellation of Coma Berenices (Berenice's Hair).

Source: Nasa.gov

BRIGHT SPOT

TO THE FARMERS' RESCUE

When George Ahearn heard that farmers in Washington were giving away onions and potatoes they couldn't sell, he went on a goodwill journey. He rescued 200 tonnes of vegetables and gave it to food banks. Ahearn asked on Facebook to borrow someone's truck or trailer for the day. And soon four trucks and two trailers had hauled 9.3 tonnes of crops. This voluntary act of kindness grew into a nonprofit organisation called EastWest Food Rescue. It has saved over 2.4 million pounds of food from fields, while also amassing enough donations to help compensate farmers for their loss. The goal is to rescue 10 million pounds of food, for which Ahearn is trying to raise $250,000. Ahearn says one of the most important priorities is to get refrigeration capacity for fruit and other produce, as well as for milk and eggs. He had originally planned to shut down the operation after they reached 70 tonnes, so he could spend more time with his family, but he accepts that in this moment he "can't stop."

Source: goodnewsnetwrok.org

APPSMART

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This is an innovative app that lets you sing or practise songs anywhere, anytime. Just select the taal and sing along with the rhythm.
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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RAMA RAMA RE...
An escaped death row convict ends up taking a road trip with an old man on a personal mission and a young couple trying to elope.
- Cast: K Jayaram, Nataraj, Dharmanna Kadur

DHOL
Guru falls in love with Priya, who is the sister of a wealthy industrialist, Nanda. When Nanda learns about Guru, he is furious and tries to separate him from his sister.
- Cast: Yogesh, Aindrita Ray, Prakash Raj

SHRAVANI SUBRAMANYA
When Shravani finds out that her boyfriend, Sudeep, is a thug, she attempts to escape from his clutches. Subramanya, a budding singer, tries to save her from Sudeep.
- Cast: Ganesh, Amulya

ANNAMALAI
Annamalai, a milkman, and Ashok, the son of a rich businessman, are childhood friends. However, Ashok's father disapproves of their friendship and attempts to create a rift between the two.
Cast: Rajnikanth, Kushboo, Sarath Babu

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

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Working hard but not improving? You're not alone. Eduardo Briceño reveals a simple way to think about getting better at the things you do, whether that's work, parenting or creative hobbies. And he shares some useful techniques so you can keep learning and always feel like you're moving forward.

FIT BIT

SIDDHASANA

(ADEPT OR ACCOMPLISHED POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'siddha' means 'accomplished' and 'asana' means 'pose'. This asana is a basic seated asana for pranayama and meditation practice. It stimulates both the Muladhara (root) and Svadisthana (spleen or sacral) chakras. It regulates the flow of prana and calms the nervous system. Goraksha Sataka says Siddhasana is the second best sitting yoga posture after Padmasana. The Hatha Yoga Predipika (15 century) manually favoured the Siddhasana for meditation. It should always be practised to cleanse the impurities of 72,000 nadis (energy channels). So this is called as the chief of all asanas.

STEPS

- Sit on the floor with legs stretched in front of you.
- Bend the left leg. Hold the left foot with the hands, place the heel near the perineum and rest the sole of the left foot against the right thigh.
- Bend the right leg and place the right foot over the left ankle, keeping the right heel against the pubic bone.
- You can place the sole of the right foot between the thigh and the calf of the left leg.
- Do not rest the body on your heels.
- Stretch the arms in front and keep the palm on your knees facing upwards. Press the forefinger and the thumb. Keep other fingers extended.
- Keep the back and neck straight, and the head erect. Gaze at the tip of your nose.
- Concentrate on your breathing; it can be natural and deep.
- Close your eyes and maintain this pose for as long as you feel comfortable.
- Release the feet and relax.

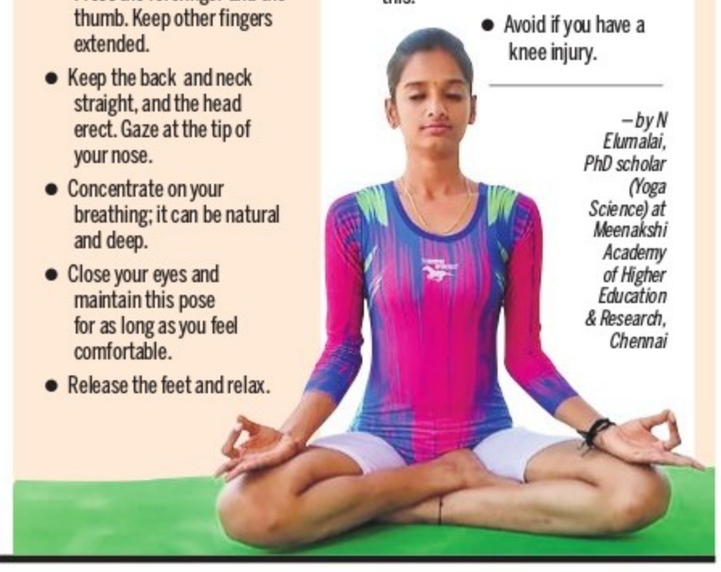
BENEFITS

- Helps improve blood circulation.
- Helps in stabilising the sexual energy.
- Stretches the hips, knees, ankles and back.
- Aids in weight loss.
- Helps reduce mental stress and cleanses the impurities of nadis.
- Makes you calm.
- Improves the alignment of body postures.
- Your chest and collar bones are broadened.

LIMITATIONS

- Those who have had recent surgeries in their back or hip should avoid this.
- If you have lower back pain, avoid this.
- Avoid if you have a knee injury.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



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A story of multiple characters that come together to entertain you. Don Charles, a notorious kingpin, is on his death bed and calls his son Mani to get their employee Sulaiman to get a 'samaan' (something) from Simon.
- Cast: Danish Sait, Sal Yusuf, Disha Madan, Rangayana Raghu
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Pallavi aspires to be a pilot but her career is jeopardised when she falls victim to an acid attack by Govind, an obsessive man who was formerly her boyfriend.
- Cast: Parvathy Thiruvothu, Tovino Thomas, Asif Ali
- Watch on: Netflix
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Havildar Ishar Singh, a soldier in the British Indian Army, leads 21 Sikh soldiers in a fight against 10,000 Pashtun invaders. However, what unfolds is the greatest last stand wars of all time.
- Cast: Akshay Kumar, Parineeti Chopra, Mir Sarwar, Vikram Kochhar
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NOTA (Telugu)
Varun is forced to become the chief minister of Tamil Nadu when his father is imprisoned and loses his chair. After becoming chief minister, he realises his power and decides to change society and politics with the support of his advisor Mahendran.
- Cast: Vijay Deverakonda, Mehreen Pirzada, Yashika Aannand, Nassar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
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U THE END A (Kannada)
Rohan is a young man with a strong political background and his life is turned upside down when he catches a glimpse into the future. The woman with whom he has fallen in love will betray him and end his life.
- Cast: Nagendra Karanik, Kumuda, Ananth Nag
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KAPPAN (Tamil)
A special agent is assigned to protect the Indian Prime Minister who later gets assassinated. Following this, he is tasked with finding the man or group responsible for the assassination.
- Cast: Suriya, Sayyeshaa, Arya, Mohanlal
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

UMA MAHESWARA UGRA ROOPASYA (Telugu)
Mahesh, a photographer, gets beaten up by a stranger when he tries to solve an issue in his village. He sets out to take revenge on the stranger as he feels insulted after the incident.
- Cast: Satyadev Kancharana, Suhas, Naresh
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

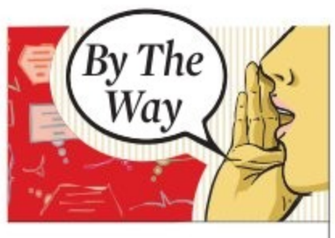
ENGLISH

BLUMHOUSE'S FANTASY ISLAND
The enigmatic Mr Roarke makes the secret dreams of his lucky guests come true at a luxurious but remote tropical resort, but when the fantasies turn into nightmares, the guests have to solve the island's mystery in order to escape.
- Cast: Lucy Hale, Michael Pena, Maggie Q, Austin Stowell
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

7,500
Tobias Ellis starts his shift as a co-pilot and everything seems normal, but things quickly take a turn when terrorists storm the cockpit of his Airbus A319, and hijack the plane.
- Cast: Joseph Gordon-Lewitt, Omid Memar, Aylin Tezel
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

A HIDDEN LIFE
Austrian farmer Franz Jägerstätter faces the threat of execution for refusing to fight for the Nazis during World War II.
- Cast: August Diehl, Valerie Pachner, Matthias Schoenaerts
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB
Ron, a rodeo cowboy diagnosed with AIDS, discovers a banned drug that can help patients survive longer. To get around the system, he forms a club to smuggle the medicine to those in need.
- Cast: Matthew McConaughey, Jared Leto, Jennifer Garner
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month



Wise words

Actor Sreeleela's new post on Instagram may be monochrome but don't mistake that for a dull mood. The ever optimistic actor's caption offers some sage advice for these tough times. She wrote, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery, today is a gift that's why it's called present."

Happy as can be

Samyuktha Hegde has a new-found love for hula hooping, which she picked up during the lockdown. Her pure joy was unmissable in her new Instagram post, where she was effortlessly balancing the hoop on a raised hand. Taken against the backdrop of Kudremukh's greenery, the post was captioned, "And into the forest I go, to lose my mind and find my soul."

A still from the film

Theatre person Vineed Menon talks about how a sand clock lies behind his film, *First Sin*, which will be out on Hotstar

TEST OF TIME

Vidya Iyengar

Two years ago when theatre artiste and filmmaker Vineed Menon came across a sand timer, there was something about it that struck him. So much so that he started working on a film, the central theme of which was the object. *First Sin*, the film that came to be was picked by Hotstar and has been available on the OTT platform in the last four days.

The branch training manager for a multinational apparel retail brand by day and theatre and filmmaker by dusk, Menon has been pursuing his passion for the last five years. "Somehow after coming across the sand timer, I started developing a story line in my mind. I discussed this with a friend who liked it and suggested a larger film," he says.

The 20-minute story revolves around Ashwath, an unsuccessful businessman who is having a troubled relationship in his marriage. One morning, he gets a sand timer at his door step, and life takes a turn when he discovers the magical powers in it. "I developed on the antagonist's character whose life changes with the sand timer. I purposely chose to work on the antagonist rather than a protagonist," he says.

Confident about the script and film he made two years ago, Menon had not imagined the route it would take. With three leads and two supporting characters, Menon himself has done one cameo of a policeman. "That was because we couldn't find a cop who would suit the role," he says about the film which has travelled to many film festivals and won awards. Some of the awards the film has won are best dialogue writing award from the Global India International Film Festival in Pune; best screenplay twist of the season at the Beyond Earth Film Festival in Kolkata among others.

Made under the banners Twisted Frames and Theatre on Bengaluru, Menon, an amateur filmmaker came across several hurdles, including overshooting his budget of ₹ 50,000.

"I wanted the post-production to be done in Mumbai, but the budget didn't permit that. We had to change editors thrice which is when I decided to learn editing for my future films," says Menon, who completed the film with the support of his wife, Anuja Menon, also the co-dialogue writer and co-producer.

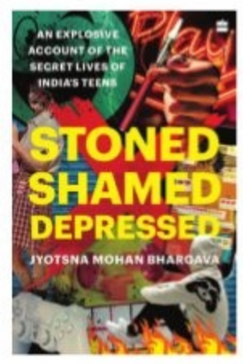
Now ready with a short film, Menon is still trying to figure out the shooting logistics of the film considering the restrictions the coronavirus has brought on. "We are keen to shoot the film in Kerala, but we are trying to see how to do it. We are trying to see if it can be done indoors," he says.

Vineed Menon

TURNING PAGES

'We still don't do plus sizes, only minus is attractive'

She looked like a skeleton, no size of clothing fit her. She was all bones, no skin, with eyes popping out. She was even taking measured water. Blood became thick and one couldn't put in a needle for a test, it wouldn't go through the skin. It would take forty-five minutes to take out a few drops of blood.' Tara's transformation had been brutal, from a vivacious class topper to a girl who weighed barely more than the rustling leaves outside her hospital window. At thirteen, Tara had been successful at academics and also played for her school's football team. But jealous seniors in the squad picked on her due to her weight. Tara could have perhaps handled their constant comments were it not for the fact that girls around her were going out on dates, but no boy had asked her out yet. Barely a teen yet in the makebelieve world of adult games, Tara was completely out of her depth and it didn't take long for her to be convinced that she was indeed plump and that was the reason no boy was interested in her.



The trigger for Tara was a school camp where she was bullied and body-shamed endlessly. She came back almost unrecognizable. Her smile was gone and she would cry for no apparent reason. Tara became a recluse, but even in her solitude the demons were chasing her; she started having frequent nightmares of schoolgirls beating her up. In severe depression, the teenager stopped eating completely and finally collapsed. By the time Tara was rushed to hospital, she had lost 13kg in five months.

A year after the ordeal, Tara's mother still finds it hard to move on. Although she is back in school, she continues to be in therapy and on medication. But little by little, she has started smiling again.

Shaming as a form of insult and humiliation has done many calendar repeats, but there is something different in the air. For one, it was never this rampant and vicious. Two, and more crucially, along with drugs and sexual bullying, body shaming too has crossed a line, crushing fledgling souls and their self-esteem. As a society we haven't walked the middle-ground, and now many of our children don't know what is 'normal'. No one taught them to be kind to the boy who has acne, no one communicated that aesthetics is for the unfortunate who refuse to see the different shades of a rainbow. Today so many children are free only on paper, or on Snapchat. Behind the invisible manacles we still don't do plus sizes, only minus is attractive. Re-defining the lines may not be easy.

'While the issue of body shaming in the form of bullying was always there, it has become more of a problem today due to the overriding importance given to a slim body shape,' says psychiatrist Dr Sanjay Chugh.

Excerpt taken from *Stoned Shamed Depressed* by Jyotsna Mohan Bhargava, with permission from HarperCollins Publishers India

URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

I am not a religious person. My life has been a non-linear journey with God. As a child, when slam books asked me who my best friend was, I used to answer 'God'. A few years later, I turned into a passionate atheist, only to finally settle into my 30s as an agnostic.

But you'd never be able to guess my religious opinions if you saw me celebrate festivals. On Diwali, I launch enough rockets for Elon Musk to turn up at my door with a Memorandum of Envy. On Holi, I end up looking like Jadoo's cousin visiting from Neptune. There's a secular nature to my celebrating festivals too. On Eid, I call up my Muslim friends and demand biryani with a certain authority. On Christmas, I become Jesus Christ himself, helping myself and my friends to wine and food.

As a result, I never thought of Raksha Bandhan as an exciting festival. It's a relatively sober festival, without sound, colours and lights. One where the focus is on diyas, rakhis and sweets. However, over the last few years, bursting crackers on Diwali has been frowned upon in the civil society I live in. Holi has been ruled out as my friends are now fathers. In such a scenario, Raksha Bandhan has made a comeback.

It didn't take long for advertising agencies to cash in on Raksha Bandhan. The ads usually featured photogenic siblings squabbling with each other, before the brother hands out a chocolate/ watch/ necklace/ life insurance policy.

While I do get the 'bandhan' part of the festival, I could not relate much to the 'raksha' part of it. I find the concept of protecting my sister mildly amusing because all my life, my sister has been protecting me. A few years older to me, my sister has supported me at every juncture of my life.

Since she opted for and excelled in Commerce, I faced no pressure at home to take up Science in college. When both my parents kicked me out of their houses, she took me in and made sure I was comfortable and safe. When I wanted to join Advertising as a copywriter, she recommended I read magazines that focused on the field. When I joined Journalism, she sent me money every month, ensuring the fire in my belly was cooled down by food at regular intervals.

She has tied me a rakhi every single year of my life, a custom I have treasured. This year, she sent me a handmade rakhi with the words, 'Duly sanitised'. All through my life, my Akka has both tied me a rakhi AND protected me at every juncture of my life.

What do I do in return, you ask? We don't share the kind of equation where I can tag her on social media with throwback posts. So instead, I choose to write humour columns dedicated to my Akka, secretly hoping she gets to read them!

"I got in touch with a family in Chennai in December 2019, when they posted the picture of the autograph on a Facebook group. I even went to Chennai to take a look at the signature

—Sashi Kumar, MSS fan

Tattoo on MS Subbulakshmi signature inked on arm of Sashi Kumar (above); MSS with grandson V Shrinivasan and his wife, Geetha (below); the singer with her great granddaughter S Aishwarya (right)

Tattoo and tunes: Music legend lives on

Monika Monalisa

A chat with Sashi Kumar and it doesn't take much to figure his admiration for MS Subbulakshmi. On Varamahalakshmi, while Bengalureans celebrated the festival with a Lakshmi pooja, Kumar chose to get inked with the signature of the legendary Carnatic singer. "She is nothing less than a deity to me," says the 21-year-old about the Bharat Ratna recipient.

It's been a long and patient wait for Kumar who wanted to get the "right" signature. For this, he connected with a family in Chennai, who also happen to be fans. "I got in touch with them in December 2019, when they posted the picture of the autograph on a Facebook group. Just to get a glimpse of it, I went to Chennai but they could not find it at that time," says Kumar. He continued to stay in touch with the family who later scanned it and sent to him in June. Kumar didn't stop there. To verify the signature, he sent the copy to Subbulakshmi's family, and only after he got a go-ahead, he executed his plan.

You would think that Kumar is a musician, but, surprisingly, he has no connect to the art form. He first saw Subbulakshmi's picture in 2010 on a visit to a temple in Malleswaram. Curious, the then 11-year-old started reading up about the late singer's life. Later, he connected with her family and has since never missed any concerts by her great grand daughters – S Aishwarya and S Saundarya – who are also Carnatic musicians. "Sashi has been in touch with us for last 4-5 years. When he sent the photo of my grandmother's autograph, we verified it," says V Shrinivasan, Subbulakshmi's grandson, adding that they are used to his grandma's fans reaching out to them. "Being a public figure, my grandmother was comfortable with a lot of attention. During her concerts, she posed for hundreds of pictures with fans," says Shrinivasan with a laugh. "She would have adapted to the 'selfie culture' with ease," he adds.

Fan Story

"Around 10 years ago, house burglaries in the absence of owners were quite common. In one such incident in Koramangala, a thief broke into a house, but left without stealing anything. During the interrogation after being caught, he said that the owner turned out to be a huge fan of MS Subbulakshmi, and had a large picture of hers framed. The accused felt extremely embarrassed to steal anything in front of a legend like her. My grandmother's music has had such an impact that she could transform the heart of a wrong-doer. Her life is testimony to the fact that she touched the souls of millions.

—V Shrinivasan, Subbulakshmi's grandson

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DIRECTOR MAYURAA TEAMING UP WITH RACHITA RAM FOR *KOLAMVU KOKILA* REMAKE

The Dimple Queen is all set to reprise the role played by Nayanthara in the original

Mayuraa Raghavendra

Rachita Ram

A Sharadhaa

RJ-turned-director Mayuraa Raghavendra and actor Rachita Ram are coming together for the remake of the Tamil hit, *Kolamavu Kokila*. The original is a black comedy crime drama made by Lyca Productions. Featuring Nayanthara in the lead, it was written and directed by debutant Nelson Dilipkumar. The film was declared a commercial success when it was released in 2018.

Calling *Kolamavu Kokila* a universal subject with interesting content that can be told in many languages, Mayuraa says, "The talks are just in the initial stages. We are in discussions with Lyca for the remake rights, and it is just a matter of closing the deal. We want everything to get confirmed before making an official announcement, and that's when we will reveal the producers, cast and crew."

The filmmaker is planning to give the script a regional touch. If everything goes to plan, this will be Mayuraa's second directorial after *Kannad Gothilla*.

Interestingly, Rachita and Mayuraa were previously supposed to come together for a project earlier, whic ultimately didn't happen. Mayuraa is now once again looking forward to working with the actor, who is currently awaiting the release of Ramesh Aravind's *100*, and *Ek Love Ya*, directed by *Jogi* Prem. She has also completed shooting for her Telugu debut, *Super Machi*.

In addition to these, Rachita has *Veeram, Lilly, April, Daali,* and a yet-to-be-titled project to be helmed by *Pushpaka Vimana* director Ravindranath ready to go on floors.

Tanya Hope

Tanya Hope's second new single to be dropped on Aug. 15

CE Features

Tanya Hope, who has been eagerly waiting to face the arc lights, was thrilled when she finally got to participate in the shoot. The actress will soon be seen in a single music album directed by Arun Raj. The debut directorial of the MC is a rap number. The team has dedicated this stage anthem to all event professionals. It will be released on August 15.

Tanya has earlier worked with rapper All OK for her first music venture, titled *Maramman Disco*, and this will be her second one.

A still from the music video

Bassick, who had previously composed the music for *Maramman Disco*, has given the music for this video, which has been made by Taandav Media works. The rap song, choreographed by Praveen Arya, has been sung in three languages by Kannada rapper Shrenik, Telugu rapper Pranav Chaganty and Tamil singer Soundarya Bala. DOP Suhas Sapthagiri has done the cinematography.

"All artistes having lost their stage performances due to the pandemic, and how we all come together and create our stage is the theme of the song, which represents the current situation," says Tanya. The actor, who is equally passionate about dancing, says all the hours of practice sessions in various dance forms have come in handy now, as she was able to showcase her skills for this rap song. "I never get tired of it. Every time I dance I realise there's a step or a dance form that I can't do and then I want to do it. I wanted to be a part of this song because I could relate to the theme so much. I loved the songs, and I just had to dance to it," she says, adding that the shoot was done with all precautionary measures in place.

The model-turned-actor, who made her Kannada film debut with the Darshan-starrer *Yajamana*, came to be known as the *Bassani* girl of Sandalwood. The actor has also made her mark in Telugu and Tamil with *Appatlo Okadundevadu* and *Thadam*, respectively. The actor was last seen in the Tamil flick, *Dharala Prabhu*, and is now looking forward to the release of the Kannada-Telugu bilingual, *Home Minister*, which stars Upendra and is directed by Sujay K. Srihari.

Opportunities for brown actors are limited in Hollywood: Aasif Mandvi

A still from *Evil*

Navein Darshan

The debate between religion and science is one for the ages. *Evil*, a supernatural series that began airing last year, looked to explore this conversation through a series of cases solved by a forensic psychologist, a priest and a no-nonsense pragmatist. Aasif Mandvi, who plays the pragmatist, says the prime motive of the series is to understand the word, 'evil', better. "It can be considered the demons or the ghosts in a spiritual realm or we can also see it as something within people's heart. I believe that the latter is more complex and intriguing than say, performing an exorcism."

With *Evil* being aired now on Zee Cafe, we talk to the actor, comedian and producer about the show and his journey in Hollywood.

Excerpts from the conversation:

Your character, Ben Shakir, is the go-to guy for scientific explanations. Do you think Indian-American actors get typecast as nerds in the West?

I do think there is a tendency to cast not only Indian but Asian actors in general in such roles. Such nerd character typically don't have a personal or romantic life of their own in most series. But here, the show focusses equally on the romantic and sexual life of my character Ben. I made sure that the creators of the show Robert King and Michelle King included such aspects for my role, as I felt it differentiates Ben from the typical nerd. I do think the rules of portrayal are changing in the industry, and I'm happy about that.

Are you a pragmatist, like Ben?

I believe there is more to the universe than we understand sensorily, and I am completely different from Ben. While I have a spiritual take on life, Ben loves to examine things and focus on the facts. In fact, it was this difference that intrigued me about this character.

With comedy being your forte, did you have any concerns fitting into a dark supernatural show like *Evil*?

I would rather identify myself as an actor than a comedian. I understand that those who saw me in The Daily Show or follow my stand-up comedy gigs feel that's all I do, but I have been fortunate enough to play a lot of serious roles too. So when *Evil* was offered to me, I took it up right away.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge of being an Indian-American actor in Hollywood?

Climbing up the ladder in the entertainment business as a brown actor demanded that I master a whole lot of skills. When I began, there weren't many roles to play for Asian actors. So I had to be ready to grab every offer. Whether it was doing a standup gig, acting in a movie, performing on Broadway, or writing a book, I was game for everything, and this, fortunately, ended up getting me more interesting work than my white counterparts sometimes.

What is in store for the audience in Season 2 of *Evil*?

We haven't started shooting for it yet. With the pandemic still out there, everything has been put on hold. I have read the script of the first episode and I can assure you that you are in for an astonishing ride.

(*Evil* airs on week days at 2PM on Zee Café SD and HD)

MS REPRESENTATION

The importance of imperfection

Ashameera Aiyappan

I quite liked Anu Menon's, Shakuntala Devi. With a tour de force from Vidya Balan, the film makes a strong point about the rampant deification of women (especially mothers) in our society. My reaction to the film was in conflict with social media opinion that wasn't exactly laudatory of this film. Now that I have seen it, I am curious. What did people have a problem with exactly?

Most reviews had a problem with Shakuntala Devi's mathematical prowess being 'one of many things' in her life. They asked why while men were getting glorified puff-pieces for biopics, women achievers were getting burdened with relationship struggles. Anu Menon makes it clear that Shakuntala Devi is "based on a true story, as seen through the eyes of her daughter, Anupama Banerji". Shakuntala Devi's genius is shown, but the creator doesn't stop there. The film makes the rare journey into the grey and captures her flaws too. In a world that allows no space for women in between 'angels' and 'sluts', this exploration of Shakuntala's greys is important. This neither diminishes her success nor makes her story just about motherhood. Should celebrating one's professional success mean ignoring their flawed personal life? And shouldn't we be criticising the white-washing, instead of seeking it?

Our films glorify motherhood to borderline annoyance. Amma sentiment dialogues are common across languages and industries. If MGR said '*Thaai yillamal Naan Illai*', a Shashi Kapoor said, "*Mere paas maa hai.*" But take a look at who these mothers are. They are generic to the level that even if they were replaced with another stick-figure, you wouldn't notice. I remember actor Sriranjani, who often plays the role of a mother, telling me that most of her character briefs have no detail, except that the woman is a mother to someone. The actor, I remember, added that she would ask questions out of personal interest to prepare herself for the character.

And looking further into Shakuntala Devi, the mother-daughter relationship is under-explored territory in our cinema anyway. Apart from a rare *Kannathil Muthamittal* or a *Nil Battey Sannata*, our films barely fill a mother-daughter relationship with the complexity that can be seen in Shakuntala Devi. The film, in fact, begins with this observation: Ma is synonymous with sacrifice. But why? Doesn't a child have two parents?

I loved the fearless Shakuntala Devi for her many questions. "Why do men always want women to need them?" "Why be normal when I can be amazing?" "If you were a world-renowned mathematician, wouldn't you expect me to travel around with you?" "Do women stop having brains after becoming mothers?" The last one is particularly significant because a woman is often defined by the gender role she assumes: A woman is asked to forget her professional ambitions once she becomes a wife, and more so when she becomes a mother: She foregoes promotions, holds no hobbies, and needs to seek permission if she wished to pursue her career. But both Shakuntala and Anupama don't do this. Even if Anupama grows to harbor angst against her mother's ambition, she understands it better when facing a similar situation herself.

Patterns form an important part of Shakuntala Devi's math and life. While she was breaking down long numbers, and discovering magic squares, she was inadvertently passing down trauma she had faced as a child. Shakuntala isn't flawless: She does not pause to listen, she thinks that a 'three-inch surgical scar gives her the right to own her daughter', and as extension, her dreams. Both Shakuntala and Anupama compared their mothers to a flattened image of an 'ideal mother', instead of attempting to understand them as people. And it takes them both years, and many hundreds of arguments to comprehend their mothers as humans with shortcomings.

Much like its protagonist, the film isn't perfect too. The punches land, but robs the film of significant silences. Despite its weaknesses, this is an important story and film. Many women grow up hating their mothers, only to later realise that they are the strongest people in their corner. The world saw Shakuntala as only a genius, her daughter saw her only as a mother. The film puts both together, and it's time we saw women the same way.

Vidya Balan